



## **Agenda**

### **Education Committee**

*The goal of the Education Committee is to continually improve the content and process of CHW education in KS.*

**Education Committee Co-Chairs:** Barb Wiman & Marixendra Alvarez

Date: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Barb Wiman, Marixendra Alvarez, Megan Betts, Alissa Rankin, Danielle, Dr. Elaine Johannes, Sarahy Soriano, Dr. Jaime Perales Puchalt, Kathy Hunt, Jerome Staab, Chase Koob, Dynasty Avila, James Wright, and Debra Cooper
- **Discussion: Goals for 2024**
  - What would we like to work on for the year?
    - Alissa spoke about the different CEU offering from KDHE and UMFMH
    - Elaine shared
      - New textbook will be available in April
      - CHWs transition out of jobs frequently- how can we address the need for business skills?
      - High School Program
      - Palliative care initiative
        - Interest with KDHE and how does a CHW prepare to work in that area
    - Chase shared
      - Many of our school-based CHWs are part of grant-writing teams to find funding for their programs. For many of them--they do not have any experience with grant-writing or finding grants. I think this is a great area for professional development for current CHWs
    - The Palliative care group, they are hoping to educate their clinical providers about how to utilize CHWs in end-of-life care.

- KCHWC has opportunities for scholarships to assist people with taking classes that cost
  - Need to advertise this more as an option
- HRSA Grant writing course is free
  - Here is the link to register for that HRSA 101 grant workshop: <https://data.mcucc-ta.org/grants-101-virtual-workshop/>
  - Focus is on bigger grants
- Need for a basic grant writing course that is practical and fits all grants
- Marixendra shared with us last year about CHWs and being asked to be interpreters. Do you know if we need to put this topic on our radar?

- **Updates:**

- **Certification/Recertification Process (Alissa)**

- The certification task force has elected to remove some barriers and make the process more accessible to all CHWs
      - Link: <https://kschw.org/certification/>
      - Recertification will be launched in February along with a paper version
    - Questions
      - Is there an auto-reminder at the 24-month mark for CHWs to submit their recertification?
        - Yes, Alissa or Katrina will send out the reminder.
      - Is there a timeframe in which they do not submit then they have to go through the certification process again?
        - If an applicant has not submitted their 20 CE hours report and/or a renewal application, the CHW has a 90-day grace period to submit either document. If the 90-day grace period has passed, the CHW is no longer a Certified CHW in Kansas and will be removed from the Certified Kansas CHW Registry. The CHW must contact [cphi@wichita.edu](mailto:cphi@wichita.edu) for additional information on reinstating the CHW certification."

- Is there a way that college credits can count toward the CEU?
  - Yes, as long as they apply to CHW work.
- Does someone look over the hours to make sure they count for CEU?
  - Yes

○ **Upcoming CEU offerings (Alissa & Hannayd)**

- KDHE-Sponsored Modules:
  - Housing & rental assistance.
  - Working with undocumented clients
  - Mental health resources in other languages (Spanish Speaking)
  - Increasing understanding of U.S. Systems (e.g., police, healthcare mental health, etc.)
  - Recovery/Treatment resources in Spanish (SUD)
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- UMHMF-Sponsored Modules:
  - Childcare Aware resource
  - Family planning and birth spacing
  - CHW self-care (Possibly in Spanish)
  - CHW screening and referrals for early childhood families
  - CHW voter engagement
  - CHW advocacy for patients
  - De-escalation strategies for CHW home visiting
  - Increasing access to digital services (Kansas Office of Broadband Development),
  - Housing support (Climate and Energy)

○ **Spanish Cohort Updates (Sarahy)**

- Working on the translations
- The group is really in the thick of it right now. Alissa shared that she is proud of this group for the work they are doing, specially making sure this content is culturally appropriate for Kansans.

○ **Mentoring program (Megan)**

- The 2 pairs are reporting regularly
- Advisory committee is working on how to address moving forward with the program and getting CHW and employer buy-in

○ **Current and Upcoming Cohorts**

- Cohort #16 – Runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 10/10/23-02/01/24, 1 pm-4 pm. There are six days off on 11/21, 11/23, 12/26, 12/28, 1/2 & 1/4.
- Cohort 17 is closed. In-person for a specific employer.
- Cohort #18- Runs every Monday and Wednesday from 12/11/23-4/3/24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There are five days off: 12/25/23, 12/27/23, 1/1/24, 1/3/24, 1/15/25
- Cohort 19 - Mondays and Wednesday, 1/22/24-4/29/24, from 5 - 8 pm No class on 2/19
- Cohort 20 - Registration closed. This cohort is dedicated to the Topeka Correctional Facility
- **KDHE Updates** - no updates
- **Other updates**
  - **Train the trainer upcoming classes-**
    - 2024 Kansas CHW Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Course scheduled for January 25 - February 22, 2024.
    - Sign up at:  
[https://wichitastate.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1GGzeI4cRFVsQzY](https://wichitastate.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1GGzeI4cRFVsQzY)
  - Kansas Mission of Mercy is this weekend (Fri & Sat):  
<https://www.ksdentalfoundation.org/>
  - Dr. Jaime Perlas Puchalt Latino Alzheimer's care giver program needs 100 participants. Currently at 90. Please reach out to him for more information:  
[jperales@kumc.edu](mailto:jperales@kumc.edu) and 913-588-3716
- **Next steps**
  - Advertise the scholarships for CEU- Megan/Alissa

#### **Next Committee Meeting Dates**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 10 am- 11am.  
**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**   **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**