



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 3/12/2024 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Welcome & Introductions**
 - Danielle Brazelton, Katrina Caide, Barb Wiman, Jerome Staab, Kathy Hunt, Alissa Rankin, Manny Guzman, Yadira Soltero, Elaine Johannes, and Vicky Ortiz, and Jamie Perales Puchalt
- **Discussion:**
 - **Follow up from last month's conversation**
 - CHW Career Pathways webinar on Monday, March 18th
 - Grant writing workshops (found in the newsletter)
 - CHWs and interpreter roles. What are the differences and boundaries for CHWs in a dual role?
 - What if we were to offer immediate certification upon successful completion of the education course instead of having them apply separately?
 - Could we add milestones for the education cohorts to ensure CHWs are completing their Service Learning (SL) throughout the course instead of waiting until the end? Alissa is piloting that method, and it can be a lot for CHWs. Alissa has pushed to make SL kind of like a “competition” (who can get their SL done first?) Alissa also reaches out to CHWs individually, but some people prefer to wait until the end regardless. In Missouri, some providers require weekly submissions. The course is already very heavy, so

there is some hesitation to add a weekly work requirement on top of that.

- We give ideas for SL opportunities throughout the course as well. We have been working to advocate and partner with supervisors to ensure CHWs in the course have space to complete their assignments in a timely manner.

- When does certification happen?

- Katrina reviews certification application submissions. Students in the education program currently receive a certificate of completion, which they then use to apply for certification on the education pathway.
- If we automatically certify CHWs in the education program, we may need to rebrand the course as a “certification course” and consider the effects on our partners who help facilitate and teach the course.
- All curriculum providers are teaching the same curriculum, which allows us to keep the quality of the course standardized.
- Keeping the process standardized and ensuring the consistency of all curriculum providers is extremely important especially as we look towards reimbursement for certified CHWs.

- **Updates:**

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

- **Upcoming CE offerings (Alissa)**

- Several coming out to be released by the end of May
 - Childhood Injury Prevention
 - Violence Prevention
 - Increasing Understanding of US Systems
 - Working with Undocumented clients
 - Housing and Rental Assistance
 - Mental Health Resources
- Later in the year (Summer-Fall)

- Housing – Climate Energy
- Increasing access to digital services
- Self-Care for CHWs in Spanish
- Voter Engagement
- CHWS learning to advocate for their patients
- Maternal Depression Screening
- Family Planning and Birth Spacing
- Ages and Stages Questionnaire
- Childcare Aware
- **Spanish Cohort Updates (Crystal)**
 - Will be implemented in the summer or fall.
- **Mentoring program (Megan)**
 - The mentoring committee did not meet this month due to the Governors Public Health Conference.
- **Current and Upcoming Cohorts**
 - Topeka Correctional facility cohort ongoing. The idea behind this cohort is that these women can leave the facility certified and ready to work as a CHW. Diana Lady and Treva Smith are the two instructors for this cohort.
 - Jaime – If these facilities have a need for education about dementia, they would be happy to become involved in the training or discussing research needs.
 - Working toward getting a class going within a high school setting. Crystal Rodriguez and K-State Assistant Dean Shawna Jordan have connected with Beloit high school. Meeting (currently in-person) in Beloit on 3/21/24 to discuss first HS CHW class in Kansas. If that works out, it is intended to begin in the fall.
 - Danielle noted that a good connection for the high school classes is JobCorp, they train teenagers for employment.
- **Conferences**
 - GPHC last week, as well as the Missouri CHW conference

- **KDHE Updates**
- **Other updates**
 - Trouble finding resources on SUD treatment for Spanish
 - Teo options for TTT (one from MARC and one from KCHWC in late spring/summer)
 - Requests for nominations for board members are coming soon! CHWs and allies may be nominated. Elaine and Barb will be leaving the board. You may nominate yourself or your peers. The election will be held electronically after the symposium, and the new board will be elected before the end of the calendar year. It's helpful if you have a committee that you are interested in. We want you to be involved in something passionate for you.
 - Jaime – Completed the recruitment needed for the dementia study that they are conducting. Thank you to everyone who shared.
- **Next steps**

Next Committee Meeting Dates

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 10 am- 11am.

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024