



## **Agenda**

### **Advocacy/Sustainability Committees**

**Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs:** Angela Scott & Ricardo Ortiz

**Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs:** Dr. Mariah Chrans & Brenda Medina

Date: 3/19/2024 • Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Alissa Rankin, Megan Betts, Leah Gagnon, Angela Scott, Kinley Yangzom, Birgit Lemke, Sarahy Soriano, Ricardo Ortiz, Manny Guzman, Laure Lopez, Jacki Betance
- **Discussion:**
  - **Guest Speaker: Leah Gagnon-Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas**
    - Shared with us information on how to sustain CHWS
    - Gave history of the CHCSEK
    - Shared how to utilize Medicaid SPA
    - Piloted a municipal court program
      - Helping people who have crimes of poverty
      - Working with the city prosecutor to engage with CHWs, and if they have progress, they get charges dropped
        - 6 had charges dropped
        - 9 are in housing
    - Population health
      - Working with local hospitals on ER usage and visits
      - Foster partnerships where there might be costs and where there is a need for much care- leveraged relationships with CHWs to help
    - Lessons learned
      - Finding a way to communicate the impact early on
        - It is hard to say what you have prevented before it happens
        - Research and data show us how valuable CHWs are, but places want to see it locally and, in their system,

- UDS data
    - Making issues priority in CHW staff and learning
    - Talk about it
    - Have CHWs share and document their stories
      - Connects with leadership and state-level people
    - Continue to see a need and documentation for CHWs
      - Having documentation where providers can see it
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- **Updates:**
  - **Board positions**
    - Discussed upcoming election. The board will be comprised of 15 board members. & board members will be up for election this year.
    - Megan is working on an infographic and election information will be coming soon.
- **KDHE Updates**
- **Other updates**
  - **MARC**
- **Next steps**

#### **Next Committee Meeting**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm.