



AGENDA & NOTES

Symposium Committee

Co-chairs: Kim Downes and Lucy Waite

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Welcome & Introductions**
 - **Mission:** Kansas Community Health Workers collaborating to achieve health equity through education, empowerment, and advocacy.
 - **Vision:** Health Equity for all Kansans

- **Meeting Guidelines**
 - Move up, move back, balance participation.
 - Listen deeply to understand, not to respond
 - Acknowledge that multiple people have contributed to advancing this work.
 - Use our racial equity lens (which includes culture) to make decisions.

- **Members present:** Lucy Watie, Kelly Moffatt, Wendy James, Patricia Nevarez-Fierro, Lauren Lopez, Jackie Betance, Kelly Nightengale, Alissa Rankin

- **Discussion:**
 - **Pre-symposium planning**
 - **Brenda Bandy mentioned offering Breastfeeding 101 in Spanish – this is a 3hr session**
 - This is a great topic. It hasn't been offered in Spanish previously for CHWs.
 - Heartland conference is offering
 - Exciting the content is being made available in Spanish
 - How would it be offered? Pre-symposium,
 - May be interested in Breastfeeding 101 in English. It may not always work with new moms, but it may be nice to have this skill/tool.
 - The participants would like to accept Breastfeeding 101 in Spanish as a pre-symposium option AND try to find something complementary for an alternative session, possibly Breastfeeding 101 in English.

 - **Evaluation Comments (included at end of notes)**
 - Incorporate these potential ideas:
 - Coloring pages for people to keep their hands busy during the speakers' sessions
 - Panel of providers on how they use CHWs
 - CHWs in Local Health Departments
 - Consider extending the length of the conference
 - Cost and investments increase
 - Time away from work to attend for several days
 - How to make up for the time away from work
 - Two full days may not be a big extension for a lot of times

 - **Theme**
 - Did not cover this as a group.

- Asked members to come to the October meeting with theme ideas.
- **List of current sponsors and donation letter**
 - Sponsorship letters for the 2024 event were sent to:
 - Aetna
 - Amerigroup
 - Anthem Healthy Blue Kansas
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas
 - Catholic Charities
 - Community Care Network of Kansas
 - Children's Mercy
 - Health Forward Foundation
 - Healthy Blue Kansas
 - Kansas Birth Equity Network
 - Kansas Business Group on Health
 - University of Kansas Medical Centers
 - LiveWell Finney County
 - Mid-America Regional Council
 - REACH Healthcare Foundation
 - Sunflower Foundation
 - Sunflower Health Plan
 - UCARE
 - United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
 - United Healthcare
 - Wichita Medical Research and Education Foundation
 - Add Medical Society of Sedgwick County to the list
 - What is missing from the sponsorship list? Processes?
 - Lauren Lopez will share recommendation for QR code and donating different amounts included in letter
 - Who else should we invite for vendors?
 - HumanKind for unhoused populations
 - Oral Health – For kids AND adults dental
 - Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation
 - Kansas Dental Association
 - Kansas Mission of Mercy
 - Kansas Homeless Coalition
 - Statewide resources
 - Housing specialist education offered for free
 - American Association of Retired Persons
 - Home modification programs (e.g., ramps, assistive technology, etc.)
 - His Helping Hands in Wichita
 - Assistive Technology of Kansas
 - Independent Living Resource Centers
 - Grab-bars for bathrooms
 - Walkers
 - Mobility resources
 - Consider a conference app
 - De-escalation and safety training

- It should be repeated, refreshed, experiences, etc.
 - Sherrif's department may offer self-defense training
 - Skill-building – pre-symposium option
 - Public libraries
 - Finney County Autism Awareness
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness – Free mental health groups
 - Libby App – read free books
- **KDHE Updates**
 - KDHE Staff are currently working with a lot of clinics on how to set up reimbursement. There is ongoing training needed around that.
 - Maybe by the symposium, there might be a champion able to share about successes, challenges, lessons learned, etc.
 - **Other updates**
 - None.
 - **Next steps**
 - WSU staff: Update sponsor request letters to include vendors and alternative amounts for donations
 - Alert Brenda Bandy that the KCHWC would like to have the Breastfeeding 101 in Spanish offered at the pre-conference or Day-1 of conference.

Next Committee Meeting Dates

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month from 10 am- 11am.

Monday, October 21 ,2024, 10 – 11 am