



Agenda Advocacy/Sustainability Committees

Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: Angela Scott & Ricardo Ortiz

Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Mariah Chrans

Date: 10/15/2024 • Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions:**
 - Mission: Kansas Community Health Workers collaborating to achieve health equity through education, empowerment, and advocacy.
 - Vision: Health Equity for all Kansans
 - Keep in mind during our meeting discussions: The reason why we are in this meeting doing this work.
 - ♣ 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
- **Attendance:**
 - Lauren Lopez, Megan Betts, Crystal Rodriguez, Kinley Yangzom, Suzana Hernandez, Amber Beck, Angela Scott, Mariah Chrans, Birgit Lemke, Elaine Johannes, Alissa Rankin, Callie Dyer
- **Discussion:**
 - **SPA Changes**
 - ♣ **SPA States that FQHCs can't bill**
 - **Not fully true- based on how they submit claims-**

- ♣ **Department of Finance from KDHE(determines who can and can not bill) and KanCare said 3 weeks ago that CBOs can't bill or CHWs and hospitals can't bill for CHW services**
 - **This is not outlined in the spa**
 - **Secondary decision that was made**
- ♣ **Ways around- have not clarified if CBOs cant' bill Medicaid at all or if CBOs can't bill with CHW code- can use other codes**
- **Questions**
 - ♣ **Alissa: local health department is hoping to bill-however does not appear they are billable in the frontier area- conserdeed that they can't bill for CHWs time when making referrals for individual and families applying for Medicaid or PE.**
 - **Can not bill for time spent on Medicaid application- ANYONE**
 - **In State SPA can bill for research time with Medicaid and Medicare**
 - **Health Departments can bill for CHW no matter where located- might need more clarification on that**
 - ♣ **Steps taken to verify this information**
 - **Working with KDHE bureau person – who is directly speaking with the department of finance**
 - **One big problem with how SPA was written- asked who to speak with in the department of finance and not given a person to talk thorough**
 - **Zero guidance- zero tech support**
 - ♣ **Elaine**
 - **Non-PPS reimbursement that can be done- a fee for service- which is complex**
 - ♣ **Next Steps**
 - **Be loud**

- Ask for transparency- the systems are not working with the committee with the CHW in mind- Mariah- coalitions role is to be out and transparent about what CHWs and their employers are going through based on what has been put in place and say what needs to happen
- “Why was KCHWC left out of developing the SPA?”
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- ♣ Letter from KCHWC and/or letter for partner organizations to use
- Updates:
- KDHE Updates
- Next steps

Next Committee Meeting
11/19/2024