



Agenda Advocacy/Sustainability Committees

Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: Angela Scott & Ricardo Ortiz

Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Mariah Chrans

Date: 12/17/2024 • 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:**

- Roger Barnhart, Megan Betts, Ricardo Ortiz, Crystal Rodriguez, Alissa Rankin, Wendy James, Amber Beck, Suzana Hernandez, Jackie Betance

- **Discussion:**

- **Strategic Plan**

- ♣ **Advocacy**

- **Strategy 3.2 Cultivate relationships with employers**

- Employers don't know where to start with CHWs
- 2025 employer track for the symposium

- Reception for CHW employers at the symposium- included in their symposium fee
- ♣ Funding for symposium
 - For symposium have potential partners have round tables sessions
 - Piggyback on another conference with CHW presentations
 - Offer an ethics CE at the symposium
 - Offer sponsorship packages: speaking slots, branding, booth space
- **Updates:**
 - Thank you to Ricardo Ortiz and Mariah Chrans for the time and commitment to this committee and the KCHWC!
 - Cairn Health: Community Pharmacy starting in January. Mental health medication for rural, frontier, and central Kansas residents that are below poverty line and at 185% of federal poverty level(FPL) More information at: <https://cairnhealth.org/pharmacy-coming-soon/>
 - Roger Barnhart shared about his outreach for integration of CHWs in rural communities to address mental health, especially in the aging population.
- **KDHE Updates**
- **Next steps**

Next Committee Meeting

Third Tuesday of each month from 1:30pm-2:30pm