



Agenda Advocacy/Sustainability Committees

Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: Suzana Hernandez

Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs: Hector Rivera

Date:2/18/2025 • Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- **Welcome & Introductions:**
- **Attendance:**
 - Lauren Lopez, Megan Betts, Rhonda Culp, Tracy Russell, Katrina Caide, Alissa Rankin, Lauren Lopez, Angela Scott, Oziel, Amber Beck, Roger Barnhart, Jackie Betance, Kinley Yangzom, Suzana Hernandez, Jeffrey and Andrea notetakers, Marixendra Alvarez
- **Discussion:**
 - Paid Leave Coalition- Tracy Russell
 - The coalition is working on educating the public and legislators about paid family leave. Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) allows eligible workers to take an extended period of time off to deal with life's most disruptive events without risking their financial stability, employment, or health insurance. It's similar to FLMA, only paid. It is different from single-day leave benefits like paid sick days. Benefits of paid family and medical leave, include reducing infant mortality and mental health issues. The coalition aims to provide 12 weeks of paid leave for qualifying events, funded by employer and employee contributions. They would like to introduce legislation in 2026.
 - The coalition is seeking stories from individuals about their experiences using paid family leave if they have had that offered at their place of

employment or stories of how having paid family leave would have been beneficial to them.

- More information or to share stories: <https://paidleaveks.org/>

- o Senator Marshall Office Meeting Update

- The KCHWC Officers met with representatives from Kansas Senator and member of the Make America Healthy Again Caucus, Roger Marshall's office. The coalition was contacted to discuss more about CHWs and the MAHA initiative. The officers shared about the importance of CHWs not only in Kansas but nationwide. The representatives shared their concern with sustainable funding for CHWs. We look forward to many more conversations to work on bringing more funding to CHW efforts and building the CHW workforce.

- **Updates:**

- o Cairn Health Pharmacy

- Amber Beck from Cairn Health shared about the official opening of their community pharmacy.
- Qualifications: Live in Kansas, Have a monthly income of 185% of the federal poverty guideline or less, and Uninsured(no part D or prescription coverage)
- \$10 cost every time they shop meds- 90 day supply
- For list of medications and processes, visit:
<https://cairnhealth.org/pharmacy/>
- If you would like to become a referring agency, please email:
martha@cairnhealth.org
- If you have any questions, please email: amber@cairnhealth.org

- **Next steps**

Next Committee Meeting

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