



## **Education Committee Meeting Notes**

*The goal of the Education Committee is to continually improve the content and process of CHW education in KS.*

**Education Committee Co-Chair:** Marixendra Alvarez (Not present) and Erik Fields

Date: 5/13/2025 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Welcome & Introductions-**Angela

- **Attendees**

Angela Scott, Alissa Rankin, Barb Wiman, Elaine Johannes, Danielle Brazelton, Hannayd Ruiz, Crystal Rodriguez, Treva Smith, Chase Koob, Kaitlin Woods, Megan Betts

- **Discussion:**

- o Due to transition of backbone work, Coalition organizing committee meetings with help of KDHE.

- o **Discussion on Missouri Reciprocity:**

Tiffany is no longer working on the Missouri side. The coalition will continue to serve as the education provider. According to Joyce Hoth, Tiffany's work projects will continue. Updates are being made to the curriculum provider application, and the group is being asked to provide reporting.

- **Updates:**

- o **Certification/Recertification Process**

- Everything is moving forward. 353 CHWs certified. Due to Katrina's departure, Megan and Alissa are working on initial certifications and re-certifications.

- o **Upcoming CE offerings**

- There is no listing of acceptable CE providers. Nursing/social work CEs will be accepted as well as other CE unit's employers/organizations will approve.
- Olathe HS Student interested in access to CHW CEs. They need 500 service hours for HS Health Care Pathway. Might be a good way to get HS students interested in CHW work.
- <https://kschw.org/continuing-education-units/>
- 6 hours of CEs available for CHW Symposium June 13<sup>th</sup>
- <https://nachwunity.org/registration/> Registration for Unity Conference 2025 is open. Here is their call for presentations link [https://nachwunity.org/call-for-presentations/?mc=0490deec53\\$mc\\_eid=b2a72f3fa8](https://nachwunity.org/call-for-presentations/?mc=0490deec53$mc_eid=b2a72f3fa8)
- Advanced training for CHWs to gain specialized skills in behavioral health

and substance use disorder. Contact [ascott22@kumc.edu](mailto:ascott22@kumc.edu) for more info.  
This is an 80 hour in person training

o **Spanish Cohort Updates**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> pilot:** Began late April. This course is led by MARC and is partially funded by KDHE and other funders. 30 Students. Hybrid model. 8 Promotora's in Garden City are taking class together in person at St. Catherine Hospital Classroom with facilitator.

o **Current and Upcoming Cohorts**

- WSU: He is leading cohort 27, which began in April. WSU currently working on offering course for individual payers. Would like to submit provider application.
- Treva interested in curriculum provider, TTT course provider.  
<https://health.mo.gov/professionals/community-health-workers/curriculum-provider-certification.php>  
<https://kschw.org/ks-chw-education-provider/>
- Garden City Community College: Summer cohort, start date: May 27 - August 8, and another in autumn. Current class is ending May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students offered positive reviews.

• **Other updates**

- **CHW - Train the Trainer:** 10 sessions from **March 25, 2025, to May 27, 2025**, led by MARC.
- Envision upcoming trainings: Date & Time-May 29, 2025 12:30 PM , **Unlocking Leadership & Potential: CHW Leadership Development Training**
- Echo  
Trainings: <https://view.mtn.health.missouri.edu/?qs=8db8192a311c27f70e969a6136ef1450f9ab809eb2aeb146d61eb9e33674cdeedcb418b259a64d49e3607625d663bf73a71a97fa80da7e5a8d577e10e1b5501fb7c75b7734a09a4>
- TeleHealthRocks trainings and resources: <https://www.telehealthrocks.org/>
- KDHE Motivational Interviewing sessions are still ongoing. Spanish sessions have moved to quarterly. Next session will be on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

• **Next Steps**

**Next Committee Meeting Dates: 6/10/2025**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 10 am- 11am.