

Agenda
Advocacy/Sustainability Committees
Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: Suzana Hernandez
Sustainability Committee Co-Chairs: Hector Rivera
Date:05/20/25 ● Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

• **Attendance:**

Chase Koob, Rhonda Culp, Roger Barnhart, Heartland Health; Birgit Lemke, Oziel Pruneda, Megan Betts, Jackie B; Kelly Nightengale (taking notes for Crystal Rodriguez)

• **Board Training:**

Julie Smithwick at Envision will do the second board training this coming Friday afternoon to help navigate through the Strategic Plan and best achieve success.

Kansas Community Health Workers Coalition-Strategic Plan

Friday, May 23rd 1pm-2pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sc-edu.zoom.us/j/84134391435?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 841 3439 1435

Need more discussion on facilitation of these meetings going forward.

o **Funding:** Backbone support will change because of the ending of funding. Work will continue. WSU will continue to join meetings and Education meetings for a while. Symposium funding will end, but WSU will continue with that. Committee restructuring is happening. The KCHWC

Questions about the education and certification process

- CHW Certification has a focus on HIPAA training. Recertification requires more HIPAA training, which has delayed some recerts.
- Education Committee is available for more discussions around that.

Membership

- **☒ Sustainability of the KCHWC moving forward.**
 - Roger is looking for data to show evidence for how CHWs will save money.
 - Chase is looking also for ROI data to motivate schools to hire CHWs going forward. Working with several within SEK, Coffeyville, etc. and some Missouri. ckoob@kumc.edu

- Employer CHW Awareness Campaign is needed. Tour different communities. Including CHWs to tell their stories, having community listening sessions.
- Having CHWs at local coalition meetings is a way to reach the partners. Get on the agenda to share about
- Make appeal to employers Quality Improvement specialists
- **Membership fees**
 - ☒ Shared membership structures from other CHW coalitions/associations
 - ☒ Membership benefits
 - Discount on symposium
 - Access to resource newsletter
 - Serve on committees and board

Other Announcements:

Symposium registration closes this Friday. <https://kschw.org/symposium/>

39 Scholarships were issued.

June 13 is the Symposium date.

\$150 is the charge for tabling at the Symposium. 12 vendors

Reach out to Megan Betts with questions.

Telehealth Rocks

Upcoming training: **Mind S.E.T.® Webinar**

About: Join us for this 1-hour webinar led by the team that developed the evidence-based Mind S.E.T.® approach for responding to children's behavior in the classroom and at home to help parents and everyone who cares for children thrive emotionally and physically. You'll learn evidence-based strategies to build safe, stable, nurturing relationships with children-the #1 way to prevent toxic stress-and discover how to take care of yourself and your children or students, while teaching everyone to be healthy and resilient. Plus: You'll learn how Behavior Checker® uses Mind S.E.T.® to solve over 150 common childhood behavior problems.

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CHC WYANDOTTE

They are looking at early fall for the next CHW courses, 60 hours total. Current class is already waitlisted. Refer CHWs to other orgs for training if needed. GCCC will start again May 27. Contact Birgit or GCCC if a person needs to get in. MARC has a Spanish cohort happening right now. In Garden City there is a local hospital providing technology.

CHW Medicare Billing at 9:00 am this Thursday led by Erika Saleski on Zoom

Thursday 5/22/2025 at 09:00 AM-10:30 AM. Location: Virtual (Zoom)

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