



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: 6/10/2025 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Welcome & Introductions-**Angela

- **Attendees**

Angela Scott, Alissa Rankin, Barb Wiman, Elaine Johannes, Danielle Brazelton, Erik Fields, Crystal Rodriguez, Danielle, Alma Vargas

- **Discussion:**

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

- o **Reminder 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**

- (Alissa) Cohort 27 has ended. Certification/Recertification Process Applications are up to date and email inquiries have been addressed up to three weeks. Please forward any certification-related questions as they arise. Work is ongoing to bring older applications up to speed and are catching up on old applications from 3 weeks back. A total of approximately 327 CHWs are currently certified. For further questions on certification details, connect directly with Alissa.

- o **Upcoming CE offerings**

CHW - Practice Integration, June 25, 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CDT)

- o **Current and Upcoming Cohorts**

- (Alissa): Concluded cohort 27. Applying to become a provider and asked about employers interested in paying a single student scholarship up to an entire cohort. Requests for sponsors and scholarships will look like CHW symposium fundraising efforts. Will the coalition offer courses? CEI still wishes to help with that. Coalition is not ready currently but potentially in the future.

- Potentially offer cohorts soon.

- (On behalf of Hannayd) Crystal

Spanish cohort: We have about 22 active students. Received feedback about what they're enjoying from the class. For example, folks felt overwhelmed at the beginning and now they are embracing the challenge. They've shared how this class has been shifting their mindset on how to help others (empowering others vs doing things for them). Technology is a huge learning curve and we're proud of the progress they've made.

- Garden City Community College: Summer cohort, ongoing May 27 - August 8. Previous class ended May 15th. Students offered positive reviews.
- **Garden City Community College** Fall course, please see below: 16-week CHW course that starts in August.

If this information is helpful Sedgwick County Extension Agent Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena,
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- **Next Steps**

Next Committee Meeting Dates: 7/8/2025

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