



Meeting Notes Education Committee

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 and Erik Fields
(Unable to attend)

Date: 8/12/2025 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Participants: Barb Wiman, Debra Cooper, Leslie Hayward, Danielle Brazelton, Chase Koob, Alissa Rankin, Elaine Johannes, Treva Smith, Crystal Rodriguez (Facilitator), Birgit Lemke (Notetaker), Jackie Betance

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Updates:**
 - **Certification/Recertification Process**

There are currently 378 certified CHWs. The breakdown is 366 currently CHWs certified, 6 pending recertification 2nd review, and 6 pending NEW certification applications pending 2nd review.

 - Currently takes about 3 weeks for certification process unless coalition input is needed. Especially since more and more licensed professionals seeking CHW certification due to reimbursement. Separate meeting on this subject was suggested.
 - Debra Cooper needs correct email for re-certification. Might have sent applications to wrong email address.
 - KDHE's CHW Integration Toolkit will offer reinforcement for dual roles and staying in the CHW scope of work.
 - Chase is creating a toolkit to help with integration of school-based CHW. Will reach out for help with review of certification and reimbursement piece.
 - **Current and Upcoming Cohorts**
 - **KCHWC CHW Training by WSU Community Engagement Institute:**

COHORTS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

- Cohort 25-A: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9/2/25 - 12/22/25, 9 am - 12 pm (No class on 9/1, 10/13, & 11/27.)
- Cohort 25-B: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10/20/25 - 2/9/26, 1 pm - 4 pm (No class on 11/12, 11/27, 12/24, 12/25, 1/1, & 1/19)
- If you cannot join either of the cohorts listed above but would like to be contacted about cohorts scheduled for 2026, please select option 3 and submit your information. (Payment will not be required until 2026 cohort dates are selected and agreed upon by the registrant.)

- **Garden City Community College CHW Training-Pilot Cohort:**

- 8/18/2025 - 12/1/25
- 2/24/2026-5/15/2026

- **CE Opportunities:**

- **Digital Wellbeing webinar featuring Amy Blankson**, Hosted by Telehealth ROCKS:
Join us: Wednesday, September 24 from 9-10 AM Central Time
 - **About:** Join us for this 1-hour virtual workshop featuring digital wellbeing expert, Amy Blankson. She'll share strategies for parents and educators to feel more confident navigating screen time, social media use and AI exposure. Participants will learn accountability tools that work and strategies for setting tech boundaries. She'll also address balancing setting limits with ensuring kids have the digital skills needed to succeed at school, work and life. This session is online via Zoom and there is no charge to attend. Certificates of attendance will be provided. [Learn more.](#)

Online registration link: <https://redcap.kumc.edu/surveys/?s=AHPLPCXRWC7CH7E3>

- **ADHD Life Skills**-Friday, September 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Zoom Webinar
Registration Fee: \$50: <https://mhah.salsalabs.org/9-5-2025/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=1016683f-19b5-4b19-b02e-4f96ad2635da>

- Support for Tobacco Recovery Training (STaRT): **Course Cost and Scholarship Eligibility*:**

Our STaRT course is \$100. Scholarships are available with priority given to those who serve in rural areas or in the behavioral health settings in the state of Kansas. [Support for Tobacco Recovery Training \(STaRT\) - Application](#)

- **Other Updates**

- Alissa explained the naming of WSU's Cohorts – they will go by year and alphabetical order
Elaine questioned the advertising of the GCCC course mentioned “Certified CHW Course” which might be misleading. Crystal clarified that all students who receive a certificate of completion qualify to apply for certification and are applying for certification if they wish.

- Conversation around importance how to work in "dual roles" for CHWs. Maintaining scope of work. Some CHWs may have dual roles and how does that look rural vs Urban due to the need of the communities they serve.
- Chase: Supporting School based CHWs in relation to billing.
- Barb shared that it's important to distinguish the coalitions connection as communications are shared.

- **Next Steps**

Next Committee Meeting Dates

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