



# Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council (KMCHC) Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Member Attendees		Absent	Visitors
Jennifer Adhima Carrie Akin Antje Anji Brenda Bandy, IBCLC Kourtney Bettinger, MD, MPH Kayzy Bigler Lisa Chaney Stephanie Coleman Drew Duncan Stephen Fawcett, PhD Geno Fernandez Holly Frye Kaylee Goss Kari Harris, MD, FAAP Elaine Johannes, PhD Jamie Kim, MPH Steve Lauer, MD, FAAP Elizabeth Lewis, MPA, MSN, WHNP-BC00 Jennifer Marsh Brandi Markert Patricia McNamar, DNP, ARNP, NP-C Jill Nelson Brittney Nichols Susan Pence, MD, FAAP Kate Roggenbaum	Cherie Sage Katie Schoenhoff Cari Schmidt, PhD Christy Schunn, LCSW Pam Shaw, MD, FAAP Sookyung Shin Cassandra Sines Heather Smith Kasey Sorell Juliet Swedlund Kelsee Torrez Cora Ungerer Stephanie Wolf Donna Yadrich	Rebecca Adamson, APRN Taylor Atwood Kelly Berry, PhD Heather Braum Julia Connellis Mary Sunshine Delgado, APRN Cory Gibson, EdD Phil Griffin Sara Hortenstine Rhonda Hutchinson Scott Latimer Kelli Mark Suzy Moore David Thomason Alice Weingartner Daina Zolck	Jennie Toland Ericka Rangel Karen Perez
<b>Staff</b>			
Mel Hudelson Connie Satzler Emily Bailey Paige Lewis			

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Items
<b>Community Spotlight</b>	The Immunize Kansas Coalition shared resources and education available on their website, <a href="http://www.immunizekansascoalition.org">www.immunizekansascoalition.org</a>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Recognize New Members/Guest</b>	Dr. Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting. New members and guests introduced themselves.	
<b>Title V Block Grant Overview and Review of Group Materials</b> <i>Heather Smith, Title V MCH Director</i>	<p>Heather Smith showed members where they can find the block grant online and additional resources if they would like to learn more about what is included and promote the work being done.</p> <p>Heather shared the worksheets and resource packets for the meeting that can be accessed on the KMCHC website.</p> <p>Feedback from this meeting will help guide the block grant and will be included in the public comments section of the draft block grant available in June.</p>	<b>Action Item:</b>
<b>Small Group Discussion by Domain &amp; Focus Area</b>		
<p><b>Small Group Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review each of the data trend tables, what do you see? What contributing factors may be associated with the trend you are seeing? What emerging needs might impact this trend in the next couple of years? How might we address those?</li> <li>○ Reflect on the upcoming activities from the State Plan in the Block Grant for your population domain, discuss the impact these activities will have in our collective work. What opportunities do you feel exist to elevate or further advance our efforts? What non-KDHE/Title V initiatives exist that align with these particular activities?</li> </ul> <p>Looking at the plan overview for this domain, what is your commitment as a council member, and the organization you represent, to advance this plan?</p>		
<b>Key takeaways for each group are listed below</b>		
<b>Women/Maternal</b>	Preventative services: Including well-woman visits, access to community services (CHWs, home visitors and lactation support) and behavioral health screening/services. Having the ability to make positive connections with providers prior to when issues arise/pregnancy, etc. will address issues related to pregnancy intention, chronic health concerns, etc. that may contribute to maternal morbidity, mortality, and other long-term health outcomes.	
<b>Perinatal/Infant</b>	How can we braid/integrate complementary messages (breastfeeding/safe sleep) into other areas and extend those messages to the non-traditional workforce? Is there more funding (federal) available that we are NOT currently accessing that could help support this work i.e.,: home visiting? What other state level entities could we coordinate with? (e.g., KSU Research and Extension)	

<b>Child</b>	Insurance: Work on getting better reimbursement rates for providers, educate families on how to maintain Medicaid when health emergency ends	
<b>Adolescent</b>	Increase access to mental health services (KSKids Map, Bright Futures, Youth Mental Health First Aid)	
<b>CSHCN</b>	Transition: Training providers, reimbursement rates, list of SHCN providers	
<b>Workforce Development</b>	Engagement and retention of the existing workforce through more opportunities for connection, peer support, and exchange	
<b>Family and Consumers</b>	Continue going to where families are to promote working with them. Find new places to connect with those families and invite those parents into leadership roles within the infrastructure.	

### Member Announcements

*Kari Harris, MD, FAAP  
KMCHC Chair*

Connie let the council know that when promoting vaccines, avoid using images that include needles or syringes. Instead, images of strong children, healthy people.

Please complete this KMCHC evaluation: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7L9KKP3>

Save the date for the KBC 2022 Breastfeeding Conference, Oct. 13-14, in Wichita.

Step Up for KIDS--April 30, 2022 [www.kidsks.org](http://www.kidsks.org)

Please help us promote the Family Advisory Council. We have openings in the Women/Maternal, Early Childhood, Child, and Adolescent work groups. Looking for families from a variety of diverse backgrounds who have received public health services across the state to join in on the work. We have gone from 10 to 38 members in the past year and have room for more!!! [www.kansasmch.org/fac](http://www.kansasmch.org/fac)

There are many openings in the KDHE BFH so please share opportunities with your networks.

*Future Meetings*

**2022 Meeting dates: July 13\*, October 12**

*\*Subject to change*

### Optional Session

**OPTIONAL: MCH Aid-to-Local Program Model Discussion**

*Jennifer Marsh, Heather Smith, Carrie Akin*

Jennifer Marsh reviewed the current Aid to Local program model. The attendees participated in a SWOT analysis for the Aid to Local program.