



Connecting Communities:

Learning, Sharing and Improving Health Together

The Lay Health Ambassador and Community Worker Summit and Minority Health conference.

Date: 07/25/13

Please join the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity for a Minority Health Conference and Community Health Worker/Lay Health Ambassador Summit on July 25, 2013.

Time: 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Cost: \$45

This conference will bring together the public health community and other stakeholders interested in influencing health equity in Nebraska. Attendees will have an opportunity to enhance their knowledge about health disparities and health equity and network with organizations and individuals that are working on health equity in Nebraska.

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For questions regarding registration, please call: Cindy Valdez at Central District Health Department

308-385-5175.



Midtown Holiday Inn
2503 South Locust Street
Grand Island, NE 68801
call 800-548-5542
Conveniently located off I-80 at Exit 314, then 3 miles straight north.

The Summit and conference will provide the following tracks:



Lay Health Ambassador Track

Sets the stage for Lay Health Ambassadors/Community Health Workers to learn and share their outreach and education work around the state, and it provides a venue for professional growth.



Minority Health Track

Participants will have an opportunity to enhance knowledge and understanding of health disparities and health equity and network with organizations and individuals that are working on health equity in Nebraska.

Target Audience:

Public health department staff, health educators, physicians, nurses and clinic staff, policy makers, Lay Health Ambassadors, Community Health Workers, students, state, local and county health organizations, managed care group personnel, personnel and faculty from academia, administration and research and other interested in advancing health equity in Nebraska.

Registration	8-8:30
Welcome	8:30-8:45
1 st speaker	8:45-9:50
Breakout 1	10:00 – 11:00
Breakout 2	11:10 – 12: 10
Lunch	12:10
Lunch Speaker	12:30 – 1:30
Vendor Break	1:30 – 2:00
Breakout 3	2:05 – 3:05
TBA	3:15 – 4:05
Closing	4:05 – 4:30

Objectives of event:

- Learn about Health Equity work being done throughout the State of Nebraska;
- Increase your knowledge of Community Health Workers, including what they do, how they can benefit your organization, the work of the Nebraska CHW Coalition and how you can be involved;
- Learn about the work that has been done with refugee populations in Nebraska
- Learn about the work of the federal Office of Minority Health
- Increase your cultural intelligence skills

Event speakers

Captain Jose Belardo, JD, MSW

Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Kansas City. Captain Belardo is an expert in public health policy.

Carl Rush, MRP

Community Health Worker Program Consultant

Carl Rush has worked full time for and with CHWs for 16 years. At the end of 2012 he completed work on the House Bill 2610 study on CHW employment policy for the Texas Department of State Health Service. He is serving as a policy consultant for the CHW Network of Buffalo, NY, and began in January 2013 as consultant on a national REACH grant (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health).

Jay Blackwell

Director of the Capacity Building Division, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) in Rockville, MD

Jay Blackwell travels extensively throughout the United States providing Technical Assistance workshops, training seminars and capacity building interventions to organizations, state health departments and governmental grantees. His primary focus over the last five years has been with assisting communities and local stakeholders increase their professional collaborations and networking through local, regional and national venues.

Roberto Dansie, Ph D

CEO at Cultural Wisdom

Widely regarded as the most eloquent and accessible contemporary authority on cultural diversity, Roberto Dansie is an award winning speaker, trainer and Clinical Psychologist. Roberto Dansie, author of two books *Eternal Wellsprings* and *Semillas De Esperanza*, has been in the educational arena for over 30 years.

Dr. Joanne Garrison

Garrison Consulting

Dr. Joanne M. Garrison serves as Coordinator of the Grand Island Public Schools Welcome Center. She received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Nebraska, Master of Arts in Education from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, and a Master of Arts in Special Education from California State University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy from James Madison College at Michigan State University and she is a National Board Certified Teacher in Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood. Dr. Garrison was the lead author on the recently published *From Ice Raids to Equity: Hispanic Students' Progress through High School in an Immigrant Responsive City in Best Practices to Improve Success for Students in K-12 in: Critical Social Justice Issues for Educators Today*.

Vince Hernandez

Employed with the Nebraska State Patrol for the past 32 years. Hernandez began his career with the Patrol in the Traffic Division in 1981 in Sidney, NE after graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln that same year. In 1986, Hernandez transferred to Grand Island where he spent 11 years in the Drug Division. In 1990 I attended polygraph school and has been a licensed polygraph examiner in Nebraska for the last 23 years. In 1997, I transferred to our Criminal Division where I spent 10 years. In 2007, I returned to our Traffic Division and will be retiring the end of August 2013.

More information coming soon!

Breakout Session Description

Minority Health Track



Dr. Joanne Garrison

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): What are they and how do they impact health and well-being?

Many people experience harsh events in their childhood such as emotional, physical or sexual abuse, emotional or physical neglect, and loss of a parent due to divorce or separation, or living with someone who is using alcohol, and/or drugs, or suffering from mental illness. Over a decade ago researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Kaiser Permanente began a longitudinal study to track how stressful or traumatic experiences during childhood affect adult health. Their research, which followed 17,000 study participants, suggests that adversity in childhood causes mental health disorders such as depression, hallucinations and post-traumatic stress disorders. In addition, the more categories of trauma experienced in childhood, the greater the likelihood of experiencing: alcoholism and alcohol abuse, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, fetal death, heart disease, liver disease, smoking, obesity, suicide attempts and unintended pregnancies.

Corstella Henley: INFORMATION COMING SOON

Jay Blackwell: INFORMATION COMING SOON

Logic Models



Lay Health Ambassador Track:

Captain Jose Belardo, JD, MSW

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Dr. Joanne Garrison

Dissonant Acculturation and the Immigrant Paradox: How can we help our young people succeed?

Many students experience a decline in their motivation, GPA, and engagement the longer time they spend within the educational system. While this overall decline in performance crosses all racial and ethnic divides, it is significantly more noticeable in minority populations. However, an interesting phenomenon in the research suggests new immigrants have better outcomes than second-generation immigrants in several areas. This has been referred to as the immigrant paradox.

However, many immigrant parents do not experience efficacy in their interactions governmental and community based organizations. Limited access to English is a significant barrier to effective parental involvement—it also is a determinant of individual identity and authority. Access to interpreters can bridge some of these barriers, but this alone does not eliminate the problem. Frequently, immigrant parents must rely on their children to act as interpreters and social brokers to navigate their new land. When this happens, the social dynamics of family are altered, and becomes unbalanced. When the familial hierarchy is altered, the parent-child bond can be negatively affected, frequently leading to less than satisfactory outcomes for the family.

Roberto Dansie: INFORMATION COMING SOON

Vince Hernandez

"Distracted Drivers & Use of Seatbelts"

This presentation is about the distractions involved in our daily lives while driving. These distractions that can lead to serious accidents, loss of life & serious property damage. The results of not wearing seatbelts. I plan on showing a short DVD (approx. 15 minutes) about Distracted Drivers and sharing stories regarding not wearing seatbelts.

Jay Blackwell: INFORMATION COMING SOON

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