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To All KYACHW Members,

The end of the year is closely coming upon us and I cannot be any prouder of the success that this Association has built on since its beginning. Our membership has grown in leaps and bounds (totaling over 300 for 2022), members have stepped up and volunteered to work with different committees to strengthen the base of our core of competencies and training agendas. Community Health Workers have gathered from across the Commonwealth and shared great success stories and wonderful resources with other CHW's. Networking and knowing where your resources are is one of the greatest strengths we can have as CHW's and members of KYACHW.

I want to first of all thank everyone that had any part of the Conference this year, either if you planned, spoke, worked a vendor table, stuffed bags and folders, decorated or simply just attended. It all was wonderful and we had such good team workers. Congratulations to all of the gift winners and our special awardees. Tracey Sparks and Laura Eirich, KDPH were presented with CHW Champion Awards, Amanda Goolman, Kentucky Homeplace received the Extraordinary CHW Award and Kendall Wills, Health First Bluegrass received the Outstanding CHW Award. Each one of these members were nominated for these awards from other members of the Association and they were excellent choices. Instead of commenting on all of the speakers and sponsor's I would

like to just simply say this was the best conference yet. As an attendee you should have received a survey to let us know what the best and least favorite things were about the conference. This is only done to see what we need to improve on for the next year's conference planning. I trust that you all completed that survey and expressed your interests and concerns in the comments section.

A few reminders about membership since it seems to be a bit confusing. If you paid for your KYACHW membership before October 01, 2022 then your membership will end December 31, 2022. If you paid after October 1, 2022 then your membership will be good for next year. If you got Certified as a Community Health Worker your fee was \$50 for this certification, all monies went through KYACHW but starting January 1, 2023 it will then be sent through to the Kentucky Office of Community Health Workers (KOCHW). This certification with the state is separate than KYACHW. You will have a KYACHW Membership Identification number and a totally different ID number starting with KCCHW for your certification through KOCHW. We do work together hand in hand but we are two separate identities so please notice that on all of your correspondences. Remember if you are requesting CEU's you will use your KCCHW#.

The KYACHW Annual Conference for 2023 has already been set and the Conference Planning Committee have started meeting to discuss ideals and topics. 2023 Theme is, Keeping the Community in Community Health Workers. If you have a suggestion for a speaker topic, please let myself or Chair of Conference Planning Committee, Tracey Sparks or Chair of Certification/Credentialing, Laura Eirich know what that is. The Association values your opinions and we want to meet your needs as a CHW in what you would like to know more about. 2023 KYACHW 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will again be held at the Embassy Suites, UK Cold Stream, Lexington, Kentucky on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. As always the Board will meet that Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information about early bird specials and such later on but we just wanted to give you a save the date at least for now. Please note that due to conflict of scheduling our January meeting via Zoom will be Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> instead of Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not done so by now, please go to our website at: [KYACHW.org](http://KYACHW.org) and see all of the good updates. Our Outreach and Social Media Marketing Committee Chair, Kala Gilliam and the rest of her committee have worked long and hard hours revamping the website and have done a wonderful job. Again, we are always asking if you have an interest or talent in this sort of website/Facebook sites, please reach out to us to become more involved and join this committee. Same goes for all of the other committees, Membership, Nominating, Professional Development/Training, Certification/Credentialing and Conference Planning Committees, they are always looking for volunteers to serve on their committee.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and say thanks once again for all that you all do as advocates, employers, trainers

and of course as CHW's. You do make a difference in people's lives if you realize it or not. Keep up all of the good works and get some rest and hope you have some good family time over the Holiday break.

Sincerely,

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