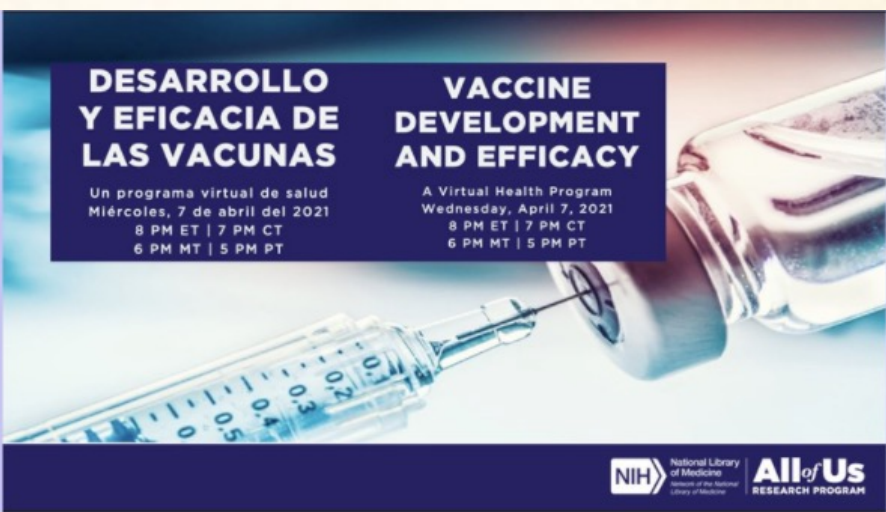


Catalysts for Community Health (C4CH): Where are we now?

An update on student progress

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MU-SISLT is the lead applicant on a collaborative **community catalyst** Project Grant with MU-HSL, and NNLM-MCR. The goal is to jointly develop an interdisciplinary community health information curriculum and create a network of practice throughout the Midwest focused on meeting information needs for low-income and rural communities. Specific aims of the grant are to create information and curricular resources that will be used within SISLT and widely distributed to the LIS education community and libraries, develop health information outreach and programming skills with collaborators and students, train a student cohort to lead community health information networks, and expand a community empowerment framework to library education through collaboration with MU’s School of Health Professions (SHP) and the Department of Health Management & Informatics (DHMI).

The nine C4CH students from Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska attend online classes in LIS, DHMI, and SHP as they work together to develop services and information resources to enhance community health information through involvement and outreach in their communities throughout the Midcontinental United States. The students are currently enrolled in public health classes and will take medical informatics in the Spring.

Ericka Butler (MO)	Virtual programming for stress reduction; community health meetings, focusing on Medline Plus materials. Creating “Health Bags to go” through a partnership with local church
Charlee Evans (MO)	Free Access to smoking cessation programs, through a partnership with the American Lung Association
Brandon Jason (MO)	Assisted the All of Us Community Engagement Network for bilingual virtual programming about vaccine efficacy, targeting rural and Spanish-speaking populations
Brandon Kennedy (CO)	Connecting LGBTQI community to health resources. Partnerships across the University.
Melanie Newell (NE)	Created a toolkit to display ready-made health info from NNLM and other hubs, to be distributed nationwide; promoting citizen science.
Stephanie O’Connor (NE)	Created a one-stop shop for available healthcare to people in her rural area; a liaison between the hospital and the library
Sarah Oliva (CO)	Teen projects: Destigmatizing reproductive health through menstrual product project; parental program to support teens’ mental health
Kimberly Rothgeb (NE)	Created themed monthly fliers and educational material in a busy church that serves the region through outreach and community spaces
Ellen Thieme (MO)	Participated in extensive mixed-method study and environmental scan of equity, diversity, and inclusion in NNLM MidContinental Region

Advisory Board and Mentors

Mentorship is an important component of the program; our advisory board members hold monthly themed meetings for student enrichment, covering topics such as conferences and networking, resumé development, and community partnership development.

James Bothmer: Associate Vice President and University Librarian/Assistant Professor, School of Medicine/School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (retired 2019).

Robin Newell: Library Director, Emporia Public Library

Julie Robinson: Refugee & Immigrant Services & Empowerment (RISE) Outreach Manager, Kansas City Public Library

April Roy: Director, Plaza Branch, Kansas City Public Library

Maggie Shawcross: Health Sciences Librarian, University of Northern Colorado

Gwen Wilson: Medical Librarian, Department of Family and Community Medicine