

Kelly C. Sanchez

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Work, University of Connecticut	Aug 2025 - Present
Master of Social Work, University of Connecticut	May 2023
Master of Public Health, Brown University	May 2018
Bachelor of Arts, University of Connecticut	May 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Yale University, School of Public Health

Program Coordinator

Mar 2025 - Present

- Coordinate day-to-day operations of public health research projects in Samoa and American Samoa, ensuring collaboration among U.S.-based investigators, local partners, and community stakeholders
- Develop project timelines, protocols, and training materials and oversee IRB submissions and compliance across multiple institutions to support successful study implementation and ethical research practices
- Manage data collection systems and reporting processes, including reviewing data for accuracy, supporting inter-institutional data sharing, and preparing materials for data safety boards and stakeholders

Wheeler Clinic

Per Diem Bilingual Crisis Clinician

Aug 2024 - Oct 2025

- Conducted program specific screening and evaluation, and formulated diagnosis in accordance with the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) for children birth through 17
- Developed and documented clear clinical formulations and individualize measurable treatment plans
- Demonstrated knowledge of psychopathology, crisis theory, and other behavioral health concerns

Optimus Health Care, emme Coalition

Licensed Master of Social Work

Sep 2023 - Dec 2024

- Delivered clinical behavioral health services, including psychosocial assessments and bilingual psychotherapy, while developing individualized treatment plans
- Managed electronic health record documentation, upholding standards for accuracy and timeliness
- Supervised team of five community health workers, monitoring team performance and providing feedback

UConn Health

Grants and Contracts Manager, Health Disparities Institute

Mar 2023 - Sep 2023

- Managed a diverse portfolio of grant and contract stages, ensuring organized tracking and strategic planning for pending, active, and anticipated funding opportunities
- Implemented and administered contract solicitation processes, ensuring adherence to compliance standards and efficient management of subrecipient agreements
- Coordinated the preparation and submission of grant and contract documentation, maintaining strict compliance with funder requirements and overseeing the fiscal management of awarded funds

Project Manager, Center for Quantitative Medicine

Sep 2022 - Feb 2023

- Led a state-funded telehealth project, ensuring strategic alignment with health objectives and team coordination
- Executed a comprehensive review of telehealth services, utilizing a blend of research methods to evaluate clinical and patient engagement
- Compiled and presented a detailed report outlining findings and policy recommendations for legislative consideration

Project Manager, CT Center for Chronic Pain

Jul 2019 - Aug 2022

- Managed the establishment of a comprehensive pain management facility by coordinating with key stakeholders, outlining project deliverables, and establishing timelines and budgets
- Assessed project initiatives regularly, ensuring adherence to quality standards and progress goals, and documented findings in detailed reports
- Cultivated and sustained productive partnerships with healthcare entities and state agencies through consistent and clear communication channels

Project Manager, Center for Quantitative Medicine

Nov 2020 - Sep 2021

- Managed the telehealth project, overseeing research activities, compliance with institutional review board requirements, and external organizational partnerships
- Coordinated logistics for patient focus groups, ensuring effective scheduling and participant recruitment to evaluate telehealth services
- Developed and implemented surveys to evaluate clinician and patient perceptions and behaviors regarding telehealth, contributing to service enhancements

State of Connecticut Office of Health Strategy

Health Program Assistant

Nov 2018 - Jul 2019

- Acted as an intermediary to support collaboration on population health initiatives with cross-agency partners
- Guided the Community Health Worker Certification Initiative, collaborating with an advisory group to shape program policies and oversee its execution
- Oversaw the administration of more than twelve contracts, maintaining fiscal responsibility for budgets surpassing \$1 million
- Performed financial analysis of contractor budgets, ensuring accuracy and adherence to fiscal guidelines by reviewing and approving invoices

State of Rhode Island Department of Health

Public Health Scholar

Jan 2017 - May 2018

- Assessed Rhode Island's Drug Overdose Prevention Program interventions by collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data
- Supported epidemiologist with monitoring and oversight of 48-Hour Opioid Overdose Reporting system and communicated progress with hospitals and hospital systems
- Aided in development of program publications for community dissemination regarding overdose prevention and related topics

National Institutes of Health

Undergraduate Scholarship Program, Advanced Student Technician

June 2015 - Aug 2016

- Collaborated with principal investigator and team to adhere to institutional review board protocols for a clinical study on genomic and environmental influences on ADHD development

- Conducted neuropsychological assessments, including intelligence, memory, and executive functioning tests, with both children and adults
- Organized patient medical records and managed the collection of blood and saliva samples

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Carson, D. J., Faasalele-Savusa, K., Loia, M., Tasele, S., Iosefa, E., Tupuola, P., **Sanchez, KC.**, ... & Hawley, N. L. (2026). Gestational Diabetes-Risk Factors and Outcomes among American Samoan Women (GROW): A Longitudinal Cohort Study Protocol. *PLoS One* 21(3): e0342061. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0342061>

McCormick, M., Koziol, J., & **Sanchez, KC.** (2017). Development and use of a new opioid overdose surveillance system, 2016. *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, 100(4), 37–39.

POLICY REPORTS AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Doshi, M., **Sanchez, KC.**, & Boorman, E. (2026). *Access Health CT leaver survey report: Findings and recommendations on 2026 non-re-enrollment*. UConn Health Disparities Institute. Prepared for Access Health CT.

Agresta, T., **Sanchez, KC.**, Burke, R., Tran, R., & Rusnak, R. (2023). *2022 telehealth analysis report*. UConn Health Interoperability, Innovation and Learning Lab. Prepared for the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Sanchez, KC. (2026). Healthcare Experiences of Spanish-Speaking Undocumented Medicaid Recipients in Connecticut. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA. **(Presenter)**

Sanchez, KC., Holle L., Mbewe, Y., Moynihan, L., Saghir, F., Mogro-Wilson, C. (2026). Influence of Citizenship Status, Trauma, Acculturation Stress, and Coping on Latinx Adult Mental Health. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA. **(Presenter)**

Delvy, R., Coman, E., **Sanchez, KC.** Powell, W., Agresta, T. (2022). Experiences of Connecticut Community Health Center Patients with Telemedicine during the COVID-19 Pandemic. UConn CHASM 6th Annual Conference. Virtual.

Under Review

Doshi, M., Ruesta-Daley, **K.**, **Sanchez, KC.**, Rocco, M., Barry, L., Sprague Martinez, L. (2027). The policies are there, but the barriers remain: A qualitative study of limited English proficiency and access to and utilization of health care. **(Presenter)**

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Sanchez, KC. (2026). UConn Center for Access and Postsecondary Success (CAPS) Alumni Panel. Storrs, CT.

Sanchez, KC. (2026). UConn Center for Access and Postsecondary Success (CAPS) First Generation Alumni Panel. Storrs, CT.

Sanchez, KC. (2024). Health Care Professionals Perspective Panel. Connecticut Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Summit. Hartford, CT.

Sanchez, KC. (2018). Examining the Association between Medical Affordability and Frequent Mental Distress among U.S. Adult Latinos. Brown University School of Public Health Poster Day. Providence, RI.

Sanchez, KC. (2017). Evaluation of Academic Detailing Visits with Top Opioid Prescribers in Rhode Island. Brown University School of Public Health Poster Day. Providence, RI.

Sanchez, KC. & Shaw, P. (2016). Multiplex Versus Simplex: Do the Symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Differ in De Novo and Familial Cases. National Institutes of Health Post-baccalaureate Poster Day. Bethesda, MD.

Sanchez, KC. & Shaw, P. (2015). Looking for Rare Genetic Variants in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. National Human Genome Research Institute Summer Poster Day. Bethesda, MD.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer, Hartford Deportation Defense	Jan 2026 – Present
Volunteer, Husky 4 Immigrants	May 2025 – Present
Member, Doctoral Student Organization	Aug 2025 – Present
Volunteer, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England	Nov 2024 – Present
Dog Foster Family, Army's Legacy Animal Rescue And Sanctuary, Inc.	Nov 2024 – Present
Minority Fellowship Program Reader, Council on Social Work Education	March 2024 - Present
Volunteer, CT Institute for Community Development Puerto Rican Parade, Inc.	June 2013 - Present
Leadership, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.	April 2013 - Present
Board of Director, emme Coalition Volunteer	Aug 2025 - Jan 2026
Medical Interpreter, Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic	Nov 2016 – May 2018

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Lambda Theta Alpha: The Legacy Agenda Scholarship	2026
University of Connecticut, Research Facilitation Fund	2026
Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., Lambda Hill Day Fellow	2026
University of Connecticut, PhD Student Professional Development Fellowship	2025
University of Connecticut, Sterling Pre-Dissertation Travel Scholarship	2025
University of Connecticut, Impact Scholar	2025
Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program Masters-Level Recipient	2022
Leadership in Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Training Program	2018
National Institutes of Health, Undergraduate Scholarship Program	2014

LICENSING

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Connecticut, #16171

CERTIFICATIONS

QPR Gatekeeper Training	2023
USF Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate	2021
Mental Health First Aid USA	2021
State of Rhode Island Certified Community Health Worker	2017 -2019
Medical Interpreting (Spanish)	2018

SKILLS

- Language: fluent Spanish
- Productivity software: G-suite, Microsoft 365
- Project management tools: Trello, Asana
- Research software: basic NVIVO, EndNote, RedCAP, STATA
- Electronic Health Record: Epic, NextGen EHR