



June 2010 – June 2011

Member Input at the KALHD 2010 Mid-Year Meeting

Last year at the KALHD Mid-Year Meeting, an interactive session was conducted to provide members an opportunity to bring up issues that might be addressed collectively through the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments. As that discussion progressed, the member input was organized into an Affinity Diagram. You can download this diagram from the KALHD website. Ten topics were identified with over fifty suggested points. This report is provided as an update on progress made in the areas identified by the membership a year ago.

Staff Training & KS Train

Member Input	Activities
Improve/simplify KS-Train Set up a template for workforce development plan	KALHD is an active participant in the Workforce Development Committee. One of the identified projects under development is modifying Ks-Train to accommodate development and tracking of an agency training plan. Currently, KS-Train only tracks training at the individual level.
New LHD Staff Curriculum	KALHD is one of three states piloting the Survive and Thrive training from NACCHO for new administrators. This pilot experience is providing significant insights in what works and what might be changed to support new administrators. This year a number of experienced administrators have announced retirement plans. This issue will continue to grow in importance.
Provide training on quality improvement and evaluation techniques Required training for grant program—local input (listed under Reports—Grants)	Through the Workforce Development Committee, KALHD has encouraged existing required training for various categorical grant programs to be evaluated and redesigned to incorporate issues associated with accreditation such as quality improvement and evaluation into the training. The content and evaluation of trainings will be conducted by the Workforce Development Committee which includes representatives from KALHD. This provides a mechanism for members to have on-going input into training content.

Funding

Member Input	Activities
County budget cuts affecting state formula \$\$	KALHD legislative initiative was successful in getting a bill passed to change the law. Maintenance of effort now tied to percentage rather per dollar reductions at the local level
State formula fund requirements don't fit in economic times	Aid to local health departments held harmless in KDHE Budget cuts
	Restored \$750,000 in LEPP funding after the Governor's budget proposal eliminated the LEPP funding
Simple accounting for tracking grants (Listed under reports-grants)	KALHD Financial Management Committee worked with Mark Dick to develop a training module for preparing for a federal audit. (Not necessarily a simple accounting process, but hopefully a tool for preparing for an audit.)

Billing & Fees Standardization

Member Input	Activities
Billing Standardization	Invited Durst and Associates to present at the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting on helping LHDs prepare for ICD 10 Coding conversion next year
	KALHD HIE Committee sent letter to KIPHS requesting a status report on system modifications to prepare for HIPAA 5010 conversion in 2011 and IDC 10 conversion in 2012. HIE Committee currently reviewing response received from KIPHS

KALHD

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Make financial reports generated by Dennis & Edie available to all	This refers to the Public Health Financing information that KALHD and KAC have collected. It includes state and federal pass through data for each county for a four year period. County budget information collected through the state budget office, and information compiled in the 2008 NACCHO Profile. Updates from these data sources continue as fiscal year data is released. We are developing a financial dashboard that will be released through the eQIPM system that will allow for LHD access. The dashboards were developed by KALHD and are scheduled for release this summer.
Identification of functions that can be addressed at the regional level across the state—how to fund??	The two regions involved in the Regional Accreditation Project participated in a review of the accreditation requirements and identified those activities that could be done regionally and those activities that needed to remain local.
Make all KALHD meetings available via webinar/conference call.	All KALHD Board meetings are conducted via webinar/conference call. This service has been provided as a member benefit. KALHD pays for the phone connections. We were able to secure a better unit cost for this service, when NACCHO negotiated a quantity discount from Ready Talk, the service provider that KALHD uses to deliver this service to our membership.

CHA and Accreditation

Member Input	Activities
Community Health Assessment Guidance	KALHD was very active in securing the Healthy Communities Network system for Kansas. Details of this system will be presented at the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting. Roll out of the system is scheduled for January 2012. Process facilitation training and using the system will be available in the final quarter of 2011. This system/collaborative effort is referred to as Kan-PICH (Partnership for Improving Community Health).
Information on hospital community health assessment and how that will correlate with public health CHAs	KALHD and Kansas Hospital Association adopted a joint resolution encouraging the membership of both associations to coordinate CHA efforts. KALHD and KHA jointly developed some presentation materials and these materials were delivered at 6 hospital district meetings this spring. The KALHD – KHA joint resolution is being viewed as a model by RWJ, NACCHO, and CDC.
More information on what is actually expected from LHDs for accreditation	Accreditation requirements are being integrated into grant program training and deliverables. The new EPI training incorporated into Preparedness Workplans is an example.
	KALHD worked with the North Central Region and the Northeast Corner Region to explore the Multi-Jurisdictional option for accreditation application using the Beta Test Accreditation Documents. Through this process, a set of recommendations detailing a Multi-Jurisdictional Application was developed. This report was filed with PHAB, NACCHO, and CDC in November 2010. The report is being used by PHAB's regional approach work group. In addition to the written submittal, KALHD was invited to present at the PH Law Conference in Atlanta. KALHD also worked with KAC in this effort to keep local county commissioners informed of this option.

IT

Member Input	Activities
	KALHD was awarded a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to examine IT Requirements for preparing for accreditation. Systems that are involved with this review so far are EDSS, Immunization Registry, and Ks-Train.
	KALHD HIE Committee was formed and is currently working to identify local health department uses for the health information exchange that is being developed. A report summarizing Kansas LDH priorities and public health examples from other states has been drafted for the Committee. KHIN is invited to present information to the membership at the 2012 KALHD Mid-Year Meeting.

Family Planning

Member Input	Activities
General list of family planning program concerns	KALHD Family Planning Committee was formed and met with KDHE staff.

Miscellaneous

Member Input	Activities
What should be the LHD stance on requests from Department of Agriculture to inspect motels/hotels?	KALHD worked with KAC Legal staff and a letter was sent to the Secretary of Agriculture outlining the legal responsibilities of enforcement rested with Ag. and not LHDs.
	Bill passed this session that requires Dept. of Ag. to conduct an inspection upon receipt of a complaint.
	Developed a powerpoint presentation of examples of the 10 essential public health services highlighting activities in Kansas local health departments. The presentation is available for members to use and have the option of inserting examples from their department.