

Kansas Association of Local Health Departments

Minutes for Tuesday, October 19, 2010

10:00am Meeting

Online Webinar

MISSION: The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments is dedicated to strengthening local health departments for the purpose of improving and protecting the health of all Kansans.

Board Members Present

Others Present

Yvonne Gibbons (Saline) President	Patricia Hunter (Geary)
Cindy Chrisman-Smith (Kingman) Past-President	Diane McNichols (Cloud)
Lindsay Payer (Coffey) President-Elect	Diana Gering (Cloud)
Dana Rickley (Clay) Secretary/Treasurer	Cheryl Goetz (Gove)
Marilyn Gamblin (Decatur) District 1	Allison Alejos (Shawnee)
LaDonna Reinert (Lincoln) District 2	Linda Davies (Dickinson)
Rayna Maddox (Gray) District 4	Louetta Forell (Phillips)
Anne Gray (Osage) District 6	Patricia Dowlin (Mitchell)
Dan Partridge (Douglas) Member-At-Large	Bruce Miyahara (KHF)
	Diane Bertone (SEK)
	Amy Mott (Johnson)
	Janice McCoy (Sedgwick)
	Judy Seltzer (Reno)
	Ronda Kasiska (Ellsworth)
	Leslie Campbell (Pottawatomie)
	Michael Green (SCMR)

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to Order: President Yvonne Gibbons called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for amendment. Edie proposed moving Cindy Chrisman-Smith's report from the HIE Committee meeting to the beginning of "Old Business" because of a scheduling conflict for Cindy. Marilyn Gamblin moved to approve the agenda as amendment. Rayna Maddox seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes – Yvonne presented the minutes from the September 2010 meeting for comment. Dana Rickley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Anne Gray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Financial Report – Dana Rickley presented the September Financial Report. Dan Partridge moved to accept the report as presented. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Executive Director's Report – Edie Snethen presented her monthly report. She presented an email received from Cathy Harding of KAMU. They have a grant-funded contract with KHI to host two meetings in areas that do not have FQHCs for community discussion on their health care system, needs, etc. She has asked KALHD for nominees of health departments willing to host the meetings. They would like for one of the meetings to be held in the western half of the state. Edie asked for volunteers. Eileen Filbert pointed out that this was an important topic now that the new health reform bill had 11 billion dollars for FQHCs. It is important for KALHD to stay involved.

Old Business:

October 18 HIE Board Meeting Update – Cindy Chrisman Smith reported from the first meeting of the HIE Committee. This committee has replaced the previous "E-HAC" (E-Health Advisory Committee). It was established in response to the need for a governing body for the HIE process and has 17 members. It is funded by a grant for the period of 2/8/10-2/7/14. In the first meeting they set the officers, set a monthly meeting

schedule. The articles of incorporation have been filed with the OMC and the bylaws will be finalized in the next meeting. They determined that the committee needs to have legal counsel and will pursue that. Cindy asked the membership to send any questions or concerns to her. Bruce Miyahara asked how the public health issues will get channeled into HIE. Cindy responded that the articles of incorporation were already filed before the meeting but she will have input in the future for updates. The articles are available on the KHIE website (<http://www.kanhit.org/>). She will be sending more information out to the membership soon. Edie stated that there is a responsibility for all of our members to be thinking about our needs out of this system and to provide this information to Cindy for her use in her discussions with the board. Judy Seltzer reported that she had just had a discussion with Pete Kitsch of KIPHS and he shared an article he had been writing for publication on "Public Health Role in EMR and HIE." Cindy noted that she also had a copy and would provide a copy to Sara for distribution.

Annual Meeting Plans – Yvonne Gibbons and Lindsay Payer reported on the status of the annual meeting plans. Sunday will have an exhibit of the MLC3 projects and the team storyboards. Monday will have a session on the regional accreditation project, the MLC3 project with presentations from each of the participating teams and the KALHD annual meeting; and Tuesday will have HSEEP and TAR training.

Legislative Issue on Maintenance of Funding – Yvonne reported that she had visited with Senator Brungardt, who agreed to sponsor the bill. He has drafted a bill for introduction and Yvonne shared the draft. She reported that Claudia is working with her representative to garner their support of the bill as well. Edie asked the members to contact their legislators to gather their support.

Immunize Kansas Kids Closeout – Edie reported the created of new webinars by KIPHS on the use of the new HL7 Interface. They are now available on the KIPHS (www.kiphs.com) website. She encouraged everyone to share this information with their staff.

New Business:

H1N1 Funding Plan Update – Edie presented the final draft of the PHER Grant Spend Plan.

Practice Based Research Network – Edie reported that at the last Systems Group meeting, it was decided to support the formation of a PBRN in Kansas. Bruce Miyahara is drafting a charter for the taskforce. PBRNs were created in an attempt to strengthen the network between the practice community and the researchers. There are currently 21 states with PBRNs in place. Edie asked for volunteers interested in participating on the taskforce. Lindsay, Dana and Judy Seltzer indicated their interest.

KHF Potential Grant – Edie reported that she and Randall Allen (KAC) meet with KHF on next steps in working with commissioners as a follow-up to the summit. They determined that there is a need for additional training for commissioners to help them to understand their role in public health. They plan to work in two phases for the training: 1-develop the curriculum and materials for the training and run a pilot and 2-statewide rollout of the training. She asked for volunteers to work on the advisory committee to work on developing the outline for the training. They plan addressing two objectives: 1-county commissioners will understand public health accreditation and 2-county commissioners will understand their roles and responsibilities in meeting accreditation standards. Yvonne and Diane Bertone volunteered to serve on the advisory committee.

Family Planning – Lindsay commented that at the family planning conference, a presenter discussed about the expansion of Medicaid to cover family planning. The health care reform bill eased the restrictions on Medicaid eligibility. She has approached KDHE and they are interested in pursuing the expansion of the program. Edie reported that KDHE had approached KHPA on the subject and was rebuffed at this time. Lindsay proposed that KALHD form a group to work with KDHE. Lindsay will chair the group and Judy Seltzer, Yvonne and Dan Partridge volunteered to work with Lindsay.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42am.