Organizational Updates

- **2017 Dues.** The deadline for dues payment was March 31. For 2017, seven counties are not KALHD members: Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Hamilton, Labette, and Hamilton. Per KALHD bylaws, a county can pay dues anytime throughout the year and be fully reinstated.

- **2017 District Meetings.** There is no cost to attend, but please register to attend on KS-TRAIN, course #1069021. If you are unable to attend the meeting within your home district, you’re welcome to attend another that better fits your schedule. Each meeting will be take place from 10:00 to 3:00, and lunch will be provided. KALHD members are encouraged to attend, and you may also invite additional staff members, as you see fit.
  - District 1 Tuesday, May 2
    Jay Johnson Public Library, 411 Main Street, Quinter, KS 67752
  - District 4 Friday, May 19
    Finney County Administration Center, Carol Brown Conference Room, 311 N. 9th Street, Garden City KS 67846
  - District 6 Wednesday, April 19
    Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, KS 66749

- **KALHD Informatics Subcommittee.** Aaron Davis, Michelle Ponce, and (hopefully) a member of the subcommittee will be presenting a session at the NACCHO annual conference in July regarding the work of the informatics subcommittee as a local/SACCHO-driven approach. Subcommittee members have started a thread on the KALHD community forum (kalhd.forumbee.com) to start a dialogue with members regarding topics that the subcommittee is working on; please visit the forum to participate. (please note, you can set up your account to notify you when new messages are posted)

- **KALHD Midyear Meeting.** Planning for the 2017 KALHD Midyear meeting is now underway. The agenda is still being developed, but we have confirmed speakers from the Minnesota Department of Health, a HIPAA update/risk assessment and audit update, and presentation of the initial results from the FPHS capacity and financial assessments.

- **KALHD PHEP Local Concurrence Letter.** PHEP Director Mike Bear presented information and answer questions about draft local and regional work plans at the March Board meeting. Based on that discussion, KDHE distributed revised work plans via KALHD on March 27. On March 30, the Board of Directors voted electronically to approve the concurrence letter, and the letter was sent to KDHE on March 31.
Project Updates

- **Public Health Practice Program (PHPP)**
  - The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) capacity assessment led by KHI closed March 31, and 80 departments completed the assessment. Data analysis is currently underway.
  - In addition to the FPHS capacity assessment, we are also planning an upcoming fiscal assessment to understand the full costs of implementing FPHS model in Kansas. To do that, KALHD has contracted with BERK Consulting to develop a cost estimation assessment process and tool that will identify the extent to which a sample of LHDs are currently providing FPHS for governmental public health and the costs of full implementation. As such, this cost estimation assessment will be distributed and completed by a targeted sample of 20-25 LHDs. To identify an appropriate sample of LHDs to include, we are using a hybrid convenience and stratified sampling method. The key criteria to be considered as part of the sampling design are population served and geography. The fiscal assessment should be completed AFTER completion of the capacity assessment. It will be more complex, and we have developed a robust technical assistance plan that includes five local Kansas TA providers who will be assigned to work with the departments who agree to participate in the fiscal assessment. The timeframe for completion of the fiscal assessment is within the month of April.
  - The Council on the Future of Public Health in Kansas will be convened on June 22 in Wichita. Council members will be presented with the initial results of both the FPHS capacity and financial assessments (KALHD members will receive the same information the day before during the midyear meeting).
  - A full-day pre-workshop will be held in conjunction with the KAC annual conference on November 13. Commissioners and health department directors will be encouraged to attend. There is no cost for the workshop, and meals will be provided. The content for the workshop will be developed through the PHPP research projects and assessments, and facilitation services will be provided by TeamTech.

- **PHNIC Proposal.** KALHD was invited to submit a proposal to Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNICI) funding opportunity, *21st Century Public Health Innovations Program*. The proposal is a collaborative effort with other PHSG partners. Our draft proposal focuses on continuing the current work of the PHPP Future of Public Health in Kansas project with four main activities: legal and policy research of Kansas and other states’ modernization efforts to identify barriers to FPHS implementation caused by current policies and statutes as well as for options for moving forward; development of a statewide modernization roadmap; development of a performance management system for FPHS; and a multijurisdictional, rural pilot project to develop a local implementation plan from FPHS in Kansas. The deadline for submission is April 19, and applicants will be notified on May 15. If awarded, the project will begin on June 1 with a 17-month project period.

Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Board of Directors: May 16
- KALHD District Meetings
  - District 1 – May 2
  - District 4 – May 19
  - District 6 – April 19
- KALHD Midyear Meeting: June 20-21 (Wichita)
- NACCHO Annual: July 11-13 (Pittsburg, PA)