Organizational Updates

- **2017 Dues.** Dues invoices were mailed on January 2 and are payable by March 31. As of January 13, 3 counties have paid dues.

- **2017 District Meetings.** District meetings will be scheduled between March and May. Once dates and locations are confirmed, registration will be set up in KS-TRAIN.

- **KALHD Electronic Forum.** KALHD has set up an electronic message board, the KALHD community forum, which is a private board provided for KALHD members to share information amongst each other. Each member health department is provided one log in, assigned to the director/administrator. If you need assistance accessing the site, please contact heather.richardson@kalhd.org.

Project Updates

- **Public Health Practice Program (PHPP)**
  - Two important assessments will be launched soon: The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) capacity assessment led by KHI and a FPHS fiscal assessment led by BERK associates and supported by local technical assistance provided by KHI, WSU, and KU. The results of these assessments will be shared with the Council on the Future of Public Health in Kansas, with county commissioners during a workshop at the 2017 KAC conference, and will inform the final report of recommendations developed through the PHPP for future systems changes.
  - The Council on the Future of Public Health in Kansas convened for its second meeting on December 8 in Topeka. Presentations provided to the council during this meeting can be accessed at http://www.kalhd.org/council-future-public-health-kansas

- **KALHD Informatics Subcommittee.** KALHD developed an informatics subcommittee in 2016, with staff support provided by Aaron Davis of WSU-CEI. In January 2017, KALHD received approval from KHF to use grant funds to extend the contract with WSU for an additional 2 years, allowing Aaron to continue working with the subcommittee through June 2019. The group is tasked with being a voice for local health departments as it relates to system enhancements and changes over the coming years. The subcommittee will conduct strategic planning on January 20 to prioritize goals and objectives; subcommittee members will be responsible for sharing information with other KALHD members. In December, the subcommittee conducted an Informatics survey, and results will be shared with the membership at an upcoming meeting.

- **KAC New Commissioner Orientation.** KAC hosted its bi-annual new commissioner training in Topeka on January 12-13 in Topeka, and approx. 80 commissioners attended. Michelle Ponce provided a presentation on Kansas public health to commissioners on January 12.
**Legislative Updates**

- The Kansas Legislature convened on January 9, and the Governor’s budget was released on January 10. It can be accessed at http://budget.ks.gov/publications/FY2017/FY2017_GBR_Vol1--01-13-2016.pdf
- B2030: Pharmacist, pharmacy student or intern, administration of any vaccine to a person six years of age or older. The bill was introduced and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee on Jan 11.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- KALHD Board of Directors: February 21