Organizational Updates

- **Annual PH Awards.** KALHD will present the annual public health awards at the KAC annual conference in the categories of PH Champion and LHD of the Year. The PH Champion of the Year will be awarded to Charles Martinez, Community Health Planner at Geary County Health Department, and the LHD of the Year will be awarded to Riley County Health Department. (no nominations were submitted for PH County of the Year).

- **2018 Board Elections.** Elections for the 2018 KALHD Board of Directors will be held at the annual meeting in November. Seats up for election for 2018 include even-numbered district representatives and alternates, two at-large representatives, treasurer, and president-elect. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact lpayer@coffeycountyks.org and/or michelle.ponce@kalhd.org.

Project Updates

- **Public Health Center for Innovations (PHNCI) Grant.** One of the four deliverables of the Innovations grant is an innovative pilot project to develop a local implementation plan for the Kansas Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS). The pilot project includes an emphasis on using collaboration between jurisdictions (cross-jurisdictional sharing) to provide public health programs and services. The local pilot site has been chosen! The Coffey County Health Department will be the project lead and will work with Osage, Franklin, and Wabaunsee Counties. The project team will begin working next week on developing guidance and tools for the selected site.

- **Public Health Practice Program (PHPP).** The Public Health Systems Group will meet on December 6 to review a draft of the final PHPP report, incorporating data and research gathered through the FPHS capacity and fiscal assessments; work of the CJS workgroup; work of the statewide informatics workgroup; work of the academic health department workgroup; and recommendations/insights gathered from the Council on the Future of Public Health in Kansas. Immediately following the PHSG meeting, the Council on the Future of Public Health in Kansas will convene to review the draft report and provide additional feedback.

- **Health Care Coalition Steering Committee.** The statewide HCC meeting will meet Tuesday October 24th. The members will discuss future structure of the committee and working subcommittees, including identification of their focus areas and deliverables.

- **KDHE/CEI/KALHD Medicaid Workgroup.** The Medicaid workgroup will meet on November 3 in Topeka. Agenda/discussion items include a presentation on Medicaid-MCH 17P program, KanCare 2.0, EPTSD, and an update from Health Care Finance.

Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Informatics Subcommittee: October 24 at 11:00
• KAC Annual Conference, Sheraton, Overland Park: November 13-16
  o Public Health Preconference Workshop: November 13 (No cost, but registration is required)
  o KALHD Annual Meeting: November 16
• KALHD Board of Directors Orientation and Meeting: January 19