Organizational Updates

- **2017 Dues.** Dues invoices were mailed on January 2 and are payable by March 31. As of March 20, 87 counties have paid dues.

- **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 2** Tuesday, April 11
    - Saline County Health Department, Conference Room, 125 W Elm St., Salina, KS 67401
  - **District 3** Wednesday, April 5
    - KHI, Little Bluestem, 212 SW 8th Ave #300, Topeka, KS 66603
  - **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.** The subcommittee has posted several discussion threads on the KALHD community forum, and members are encouraged to participate in those discussions (kalhd.forumbee.com). The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled on March 28.

- **KALHD Midyear Meeting.** Planning for the 2017 KALHD Midyear meeting is now underway. We need two to three board member volunteers to work with the staff and president-elect to serve as the conference committee, to develop the conference agenda.

Project Updates

- **Public Health Practice Program (PHPP)**
  - The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) capacity assessment led by KHI is currently underway. The assessment is a self-assessment regarding your department’s current capacity to provide the Kansas foundational public health services. A link to complete the assessment has been sent to all member departments, and responses are requested by March 24. (If you need the link to be re-sent, please contact Michelle.) The assessment should take
between 30-60 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or technical issues, contact michelle.ponce@kalhd.org and jorr@khi.org.

- 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.

- Due to scheduling conflicts, the Council on the Future of Public Health in Kansas meeting on April 6 has been canceled. The next meeting will take place in June, with informational webinars provided in the interim. KAC Workshop. A full-day pre-workshop will be held in conjunction with the KAC annual conference in November. 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.

**PHNCI Proposal.** KALHD submitted a proposal to Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) funding opportunity, *21st Century Public Health Innovations Program*. Our draft proposal focuses on continuing the current work of the Future of Public Health in Kansas" and implementation of the foundational public health services model for Kansas, including development of a performance management system. KALHD will be notified on March 22 by PHNCI to let us know if we will be invited to submit a full proposal.

**Legislative Updates**
- HB2205 Vaccinations for meningitis. The HHS committee held a hearing on March 15. If the bill is passed as written, it will take effect upon publication in the Kansas register.

**Important Dates to Remember**
- KALHD Board of Directors: April 18
- KALHD District Meetings
  - District 1 – May 2
  - District 2 – April 11
  - District 3 – April 5
  - District 4 – May 19
  - District 6 – April 19
- KALHD Midyear Meeting: June 20-21 (Wichita)