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## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 21, 2017**

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### **Call to Order:**

The February Board of Directors meeting of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 by Dana Rickley.

### **Acknowledgement of Board Members and Attendees Present:**

President Dana Rickley  
Past President Allison Alejos  
Secretary/Treasurer, Beth Brown  
Executive Director, Michelle Ponce  
Assistant Director, Heather Richardson  
District 3, Pat Hunter  
District 3 Alternate, Kristin Watkins  
Cristi Cain, KDHE  
Susan Belt, SEK Multi County  
Mike Bear, KDHE

### **Online Attendees:**

Candra Good  
Chardel Hastings  
Cindy Mullen  
Darcie Van Der Vyver  
Debra Kellison  
Diedre Serene  
Jennifer Green  
Karla Heble  
Katie Schneider  
Ladonna Reinert  
Laura Hageman  
Lee Miller  
Lindsay Payer

Lynnette Redington  
Michelle Billips  
Nick Baldetti  
Paula Bitter  
Paula Rowden  
Percy Turner  
Rayna Maddox  
Rhonda Sperber  
Rita McKoon  
Sara Hodges  
Shelly Schneider  
Sherry Angell  
Virginia Downing

## **Approval of Agenda**

Allison moved to approve the agenda, and Kristin seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

## **Approval of January Meeting Minutes**

Beth moved to approve the January Board of Directors meeting minutes, and Kristin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Read the entire report in PDF format at: <http://www.kalhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/ED-Report-Feb-21-2017.pdf>

## **Financial Report – Beth**

Beth presented the monthly financial report for January 2017. Kristin motioned to approve the report, and it was seconded by Pat. The motion passed unanimously.

## **KanCare Ombudsman's Office Update – Percy Turner**

DCF offices are no longer allowed to assist DCF clients with KanCare eligibility. The Ombudsman's office staff members are working on creating free web-based training programs in late March for community partners who may receive questions from their clients regarding KanCare eligibility issues. Percy asked meeting attendees if they (or their staff) have been involved in Medicaid eligibility determinations. Allison suggested that her MCH staff may have a need for training. KALHD will distribute the training details to all members when they are available.

Ombudsman website: <http://www.kancare.ks.gov/kancare-ombudsman-office>

Percy email: [percy.turner@wichita.edu](mailto:percy.turner@wichita.edu)

## **PHEP Update – Mike Bear**

- KDHE staff members are reviewing the FOA, and their first impressions are that it is much more restrictive and prescriptive than previous FOA's. View the FOA and Supplemental documents: <http://www.kalhd.org/phep/> . KDHE will solicit feedback from locals in early March and then brief KALHD members on the draft workplans during the March 21 Board meeting. KDHE will meet with coordinators in May to go through the FOA and workplans and answer questions.
- KALHD members plan to vote on the draft concurrence letter during the March board meeting. If members aren't yet ready to vote, an electronic vote can be held later in March.
- After the meeting today, Michelle will send out the in-kind match requests to KALHD members.
- KALHD members and regional coordinators may send FOA and workplan-related questions to Mike.
- Questions from Sherry: On page 98 it says may not use funds to purchase furniture and equipment. Equipment? Mike's reply: We will investigate, and let you know. On pg 23- ensure HD's participate in HCC. Do you anticipate HD's will be required to attend instead of sending a designee? Mike's reply: we anticipate LHD directors will need to attend these meetings (in person or online) in place of their designees.
- Question from Ladonna: What about current leases on office equipment (like copiers) that have been covered in the past? Mike's reply: We will investigate and let you know.
- Mike solicited suggestions for types of training needed. Members answered: forensic epidemiology, ICS refresher, and updated POD training.
- Question from Susan: Is KDHE planning a statewide exercise for this budget period? Mike replied, yes.

## **PH Data Needs Assessment – Greg Crawford**

Greg distributed these questions in advance of the board meeting:



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- KIC and Kansas Health Matters, how can they be better utilized to meet your data needs?
- What training needs can be addressed so everyone can make better use of these tools?
- How valuable would online training be in enhancing your usage of these tools? What other training opportunities could be addressed?
- What would help LHDs to better access and use available public health data from the federal government and other sources?
- Several Health departments have started to access Syndromic surveillance data from KDHE. If your health department is not yet accessing the information, what is your capacity to dedicate sometime to checking Syndromic information? **If interested, email [Greg.Crawford@ks.gov](mailto:Greg.Crawford@ks.gov).**
- What other types of support or technical assistance is needed from BEPHI on data needs or usage?

Members replied:

KHM's dashboard can be misleading.

Some KHM data is outdated.

Greg, you hit on it is awareness, also creating mechanisms for reporting. Has there been any thought about "widgets" per county that can be hosted on a county HD's website and can be used by the user based on the county website vs linking to KSHM?

In the Local Resources & Funding tab of KHM site, I like the Health Assessment; Improvement Tools with the bar across the top for the stage you want info on. I'd like to see this type of format for the Community Plans & Strategies section.

I like the idea of skype for training—it's important to see people's facial reactions.

I'd like to see more teen/youth data using the Communities that Care Kansas survey for Greenbush/SE KS Education Service Center: <http://kctcddata.org> (Greg explained the limitations of the CCK survey and why it is not included in KHM)

Send additional comments to: [kdhe.healthstatistics@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.healthstatistics@ks.gov)

## KDHE Updates – Cristi Cain

- The Kansas Accreditation Readiness Summit is March 10, KHI 10AM to 3PM
- Governor's Public Health Conference is April 25-27 in Manhattan, KS
- Aid to Local applications are due March 15. KDHE has received many questions about the budget portion since the process is different this year. For those whose budget data from last year was transferred over, KDHE recommends you delete the salary data. Also, KDHE recommends completing the salary worksheet in Catalyst to avoid over allocating salaries.
- Allocations for each LHD are listed on the State Formula webpage: [http://www.kdheks.gov/doc\\_lib/SFY2018/StateFormulaSFY2018.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/doc_lib/SFY2018/StateFormulaSFY2018.html)
- New version of KSTRAIN rolls out late summer 2017. KDHE will provide TA to all users.
- KS Public Health Directory: Report all directory changes to Cristi Cain.
- Ryan Lester is the new KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion Director. Hanford Lynn is the new Deputy Secretary of Healthcare finance.

Question from Jennifer Green: Will KDHE consider adjusting the IAP formula in future years? For example, taking a 3-5-year average of doses given rather than only the previous year? Or by including current vaccination rates in the formula. For instance, some level of weighting the formula so that it also considers additional assistance for counties furthest away from meeting the goal of HP2020 90% coverage.

Cristi reply: I will take this back to KDHE and get back to Jennifer directly.

Question from Pat Hunter: Did the Secretary testify in opposition to Medicaid expansion?

Cristi reply: It is my understanding that KDHE Sec. Mosier testified in opposition of Medicaid expansion.

## Financial Assessment - Annie Sieger/BERK Consultants



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View Annie's presentation here: [http://www.kalhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Future-of-Public-Health-in-Kansas-Fiscal-Assessment\\_KALHD-February-Meeting-UPDATED-2017\\_0217-1.pdf](http://www.kalhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Future-of-Public-Health-in-Kansas-Fiscal-Assessment_KALHD-February-Meeting-UPDATED-2017_0217-1.pdf)

BERK posed the following questions to members:

- What can we do to maximize the value and ease of the fiscal assessment process for LHD participants and KALHD overall?
- What outcomes do you hope the fiscal assessment and resulting statewide estimation of current spending and full implementation costs will achieve?

You can provide additional feedback on the fiscal assessment process to BERK:  
[jannie@berkconsulting.com](mailto:jannie@berkconsulting.com).

Question from KALHD: Is the financial data you're asking for easily collected?

BERK answer: We will be asking you to estimate costs based on a new operational paradigm. You won't have these answers in your existing reports. We will help you by providing an initial estimate for some of the questions, and technical assistance for all assessment respondents.

Question from Pat: Will we be able to involve our fiscal staff in completing these assessments?

Answer from Michelle: Absolutely you can involve them. There will also be heavy TA on the fiscal assessment.

Additional questions should be sent to Michelle Ponce, who will compile and send to BERK.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- KALHD District Meetings (KSTRIN Course #1069021)
  - District 1 – May 2
  - District 2 – April 11
  - District 3 – April 5
  - District 4 – May 19
  - District 5 – March 16
  - District 6 – April 19

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Richardson



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