Organizational Updates

- **2018 Dues.** Dues invoices were mailed on January 2 and are payable by March 31. As of January 16, 4 counties have paid dues.

- **2018 Calendar.** During the 2017 annual meeting, the KALHD board adopted a new meeting schedule for 2018: January-board development; February-regular monthly board meeting; April-regular monthly board meeting; June-midyear meeting (Wichita); August-regular monthly board meeting; October-regular monthly board meeting (Overland Park in conjunction with KAC annual conference); and November-annual meeting (location to be determined). Board members are encouraged to attend board meeting in person.

- **2018 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.

Project Updates

- **Public Health Center for Innovations (PHNCI) Grant.** One of the four deliverables of the Innovations grant is a 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 has tested a data collection tool that will be used to assess capacity, strengths/weaknesses, and best service delivery mechanism for each of the 109 components of the KS FPHS model. The group will also discuss performance measures as the analyze each component. Michelle Ponce and Lindsay Payer will provide a presentation regarding the project at the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) Open Forum for Quality Improvement and Innovation in Public Health in Louisville Kentucky on March 29-30, 2018.

- **KDHE/CEI/KALHD Medicaid Workgroup.** The Medicaid workgroup will meet on February 23 in Topeka. The agenda is pending.

- **PHEP.** Following the recent (December and January) KDHE PHEP webinars, KALHD staff have received several contacts from members/regional coordinators asking if/how KALHD plans to engage with KDHE regarding changes to the HCC regions and possible future changes to the PHEP program. If you missed the webinars, a recording of January's webinar is available at [http://www.kalhd.org/phep/](http://www.kalhd.org/phep/). The KALHD Board would like to gain a better understanding of the breadth of concerns in order to determine if/how to engage with KDHE regarding them. To do so, the KALHD board is hosting an Adobe Connect meeting open to KALHD members and PHEP regional coordinators to discuss the
concerns on January 30, 10:00-12:00. The link to participate in the meeting is http://kalhd.adobeconnect.com/phep/. If you are unable to participate but want to provide input to the discussion, please any comments to michelle.ponce@kalhd.org prior to the January 30 meeting.

One of KALHD’s primary responsibilities within the PHEP program is to provide or coordinate training or technical assistance to local health departments. To this end, KALHD is providing an opportunity for up to ten individuals to attend the 2018 Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA, April 17-20. To date, 4 individuals representing 4 PHEP regions have been confirmed to receive travel scholarships. Funding is still available for up to 6 more attendees. To request a travel scholarship, contact heather.richardson@kalhd.org no later than February 16 (funding will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis until all ten spots are filled).

**Legislative Updates**

- The Kansas legislature convened on January 8, 2018.
- KAC is jointly hosting Local Government Day with the League of Kansas Municipalities on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. The event will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS. The formal program will kick off at 4 pm with an update from state elected officials in the Sunflower Ballroom. Speakers include Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer (invited), Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning, Senate Assistant Minority Leader Laura Kelly, and House Majority Leader Don Hineman. A reception will be held 5-7 pm. Local Government Day is free; however, registration is required. Additional information is available at www.kansascounties.org.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- KALHD Informatics Subcommittee: January 23 at 11:00
- KAC Local Government Day: January 24
- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: February 20