Executive Director Report
April 17, 2018

Organizational Updates

- **2018 Dues.** As of March 31, 94 counties have paid dues and are members of KALHD. Crawford County rejoined for 2018. Chautauqua, Cherokee, Elk, Hamilton, Labette, and Montgomery are not members.

- **2018 District Meetings.** District meetings have been scheduled. There is no cost to attend, but please register to attend on KS-TRAIN, course #1075265. Each meeting will be take place from 10:00 to 3:00, and lunch is provided. The draft agenda includes a vaccine purchasing project to identify best practices in the process and prices; the adaptive challenge of modernizing public health in Kansas; and member engagement/feedback survey.
  - **District 1**  **Thursday, May 3**
    Jay Johnson Public Library, 411 Main Street, Quinter, KS 67752
  - **District 4**  **Wednesday, May 16**
    Finney County Administration Center, Carol Brown Conference Room, 311 N. 9th Street, Garden City KS 67846
  - **District 5**  **Friday, April 27**
    Community Engagement Institute, 238 N. Mead, Wichita, KS 67202
  - **District 6**  **Tuesday, May 8**
    Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, KS 66749

- **Informatics Subcommittee.**

- **KALHD Midyear Meeting.** The KALHD Midyear Meeting will be held June 19-20 at the Hotel at Old Town in Wichita. Registration will be open on KS-TRAIN approximately the first of May. The course number and brochure will be distributed as soon as it is available. A block of rooms at the hotel is available at the rate of $122/night for a single bed room. To reserve a room, contact the Hotel at Old Town at 316-462-5479 and request the “KALHD block rate” by May 29.

Project Updates

- **Public Health Center for Innovations (PHNCl) Grant.** The four-county pilot site is about halfway through the process of assessing capacity, strengths/weaknesses, and best service delivery mechanism for each of the 109 components of the KS FPHS model. The group is also reviewing and discussing revisions to the draft performance measures as the analyze each component. Michelle and Lindsay provided 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. We will also be presenting a session at the NACCHO annual meeting in July in New Orleans.
PHEP. On April 3, following a vote to concur and authorize KALHD to provide concurrence on behalf of its members, KALHD provided a letter of concurrence to KDHE for the Kansas Project Budget and Kansas Work Plan Budget Year 2018-2019. The process and timeline leading up to concurrence is as follows:

- On March 9, KDHE staff distributed the draft local and regional public health work plans to KALHD members.
- On March 15, KALHD members and staff met with KDHE Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) staff to discuss the draft work plans and to provide feedback.
- On March 23, KDHE staff distributed revised local and regional work plans to KALHD members.
- On March 27, KALHD staff sent an e-mail to KDHE staff detailing additional feedback and concerns with the updated (3/23) draft local and regional work plans.
- On March 30, KDHE staff distributed the revised, final local and regional work plans to KALHD members.
- On April 3, the KALHD Board of Directors voted to support the local and regional work plans and grant application.

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 sponsoring 10 attendees from member departments representing nine PHEP regions to attend the 2018 Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA, April 17-20.

On April 16, KALHD and KDHE executed an amendment to extend KALHD’s PHEP contract for the 2018-2019 contract year. KALHD’s contract was written for a 1-year project period with the option for up to five 1-year extensions; the 2018-2019 contract period is the fifth and final contract extension available under the current contract.

United Methodist Health Ministries Janet Sevier Gilbreath Project Recognition award. This award honors the Health Fund’s first board chairperson who led the founding board members in the process of discerning the mission and vision of the Fund more than 30 years ago. Annually, the Board of Directors selects a prior year grantee who has demonstrated the most success in improving the health of Kansans. This year’s honoree is Kearny County Hospital’s Pioneer Care Advocacy Team. UMH has invited Michelle Ponce, Tom Bell, CEO of the Kansas Hospital Association, and Ben Andersen, CEO of Kearney County Hospital, to participate in a panel discussion regarding challenges and future of delivering health services in rural and frontier communities on May 1.

Potential School Inspection Training. Shawn Esterl, Sanitarian for Lincoln County and KEHA Chair, has asked KALHD to inquire about members’ interest in a potential school inspection training. If there is enough interest in such a training, it would likely be held in conjunction with the KEHA conference September 12-14 in Salina. If there is interest, KALHD will work with Shawn/KEHA to discuss what the workshop might entail.

Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Informatics Subcommittee: April 24 at 11:00-12:00
- KALHD Midyear Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting: June 19-20, Wichita, KS
- NACCHO Annual Conference: July 10-12, New Orleans, LA (http://www.nacchoannual.org)