Executive Director Report
June 20, 2018

Organizational Updates

- **PHI Conference.** In the era of PH 3.0, KALHD has identified a need to support local health departments by providing opportunities to increase informatics capacity among staff. To this end, KALHD is providing an opportunity for members of the KALHD informatics subcommittee to attend the 2018 Public Health Informatics Conference in Atlanta, GA, August 20-23. In addition, there are a limited number of scholarships available to administrators or staff members of KALHD member departments who are not currently participating in the subcommittee. The theme of the 2018 Public Health Informatics Conference is “Connecting Systems and People to Improve Population Health.” Additional conference information can be found at [http://phiconference.org](http://phiconference.org). KALHD will submit a group registration, and following the conference, KALHD will provide reimbursement for lodging, travel (mileage, tolls, and/or airfare), and a per diem for meals not provided at the conference. Once all members of the group are confirmed, we will work with group members to coordinate session participation and will ask that all group members commit to sharing the information they learn with KALHD members via participation in a KALHD board meeting presentation. If you are interested in attending the conference with travel support provided by KALHD, please contact [Heather.Richardson@kaldh.org](mailto:Heather.Richardson@kaldh.org) no later than July 1, 2018.

- **FPHS Subcommittee.** At the April board meeting, a motion was passed to make the recommendations of the Future of Public Health in Kansas report a standing agenda item for future board meetings and to conduct regular check-ins on progress. KALHD has executed a contract with the remaining PHPP funds with CEI to facilitate action planning and develop a tracking process for the recommendations in the report.

Project Updates

- **Public Health Center for Innovations (PHNCI) Grant.** The four-county pilot site is nearly through the process of assessing capacity, strengths/weaknesses, and best service delivery mechanism for each of the 109 components of the KS FPHS model. Future meetings are scheduled to develop the local implementation plan, prioritize performance measures, and engage county commissioners and community partners.

- **Missouri Public Health Transformation Project.** Missouri is exploring options for modernizing public health. The modernization advisory committee is interested in the Kansas modernization efforts and invited Michelle Ponce, Charlie Hunt, and Jason Orr (KHI) to present about the FPHS efforts in Kansas at their June 14 meeting in Columbia, MO.

- **NACCHO Conference.** Two sessions at the NACCHO annual conference in July will highlight efforts in Kansas to implement FPHS. Michelle Ponce and AAron Davis (WSU) will present a session on the work completed under the Public Health...
Practice Program to develop the KS FPHS model, the FPHS capacity assessment, and the FPHS fiscal assessment and the ongoing work under the Innovations grant program to develop a statewide roadmap for implementation, a local implementation plan, and performance measures. In another session, hosted by the Public Health Center for Innovations, Michelle Ponce will participate in a panel with representatives from Oregon and Washington to highlight FPHS efforts. (Please note that both Michelle and Heather will be out of the office July 9-13 to attend the NACCHO conference and participate in the SACCHO meeting. During this time, staff will respond to e-mail communications, but response time may be delayed.)

- **PHEP.** The KALHD PHEP team participated in a federal site review on June 5. KDHE has hired a new PHEP director, and the KALHD-KDHE teams will meet once she assumes her position.

### Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Informatics Subcommittee: June 26, 11:00-12:00 via Adobe Connect
- KDHE-KALHD-WSU Medicaid Workgroup: July 27 in Topeka
- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: August 21
- Public Health Informatics Conference: Atlanta, GA, August 20-23
- NACCHO Annual Conference: July 10-12, New Orleans, LA (http://www.nacchoannual.org)