

Executive Director Report January 15, 2019

Organizational Updates

- **2019 Dues.** Dues invoices were mailed on January 2 and are payable by March 31. As of January 11, no counties have paid dues.
- **2019 Calendar.** During the 2018 annual meeting, the KALHD board adopted a new meeting schedule for 2019:
 - January 15: In-person board orientation and planning
 - February 19: In-person regular monthly board meeting
 - March 19: Virtual meeting via Adobe Connect
 - April : In-person regular monthly board meeting
 - May 21: Virtual meeting via Adobe Connect
 - June 17-19: Midyear meeting (Wichita); 17th optional preconference informatics workshop; 18-19 conference
 - July 16: In-person regular monthly board meeting
 - August 20: Virtual meeting via Adobe Connect
 - September 17: In-person regular monthly board meeting
 - October 15: Virtual meeting via Adobe Connect
 - November 12-14: In conjunction with KAC annual conference, in Wichita
- **2019 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.
- **KALHD PHEP Contract.** KALHD has a contract with KDHE for participation in the PHEP program. The current contract runs through June 2018 and is in the final extension year allowed under the current contract. In December, KDHE notified KALHD of their intent to not renew KALHD's contract for the 2019-2020 PHEP program year because the KDHE PHEP program is now fully staffed and they believe they can adequately manage the scope of work with internal staff.
- **One Care Kansas Planning Council.** With facilitation provided by CEI-WSU, KDHE Health Care Finance has convened a planning council to provide feedback and consultation to KDHE regarding the planning and implementation of the OneCare Kansas program (new iteration of the "health home" option under KanCare). The group began meeting in November 2018 and is scheduled to continue meeting monthly through June 2019 in Topeka. Michelle Ponce has been participating as a public health representative, but KALHD needs to identify another representative moving forward. The next meeting date is January 18.
- **Executive Director Transition.** Michelle Ponce has submitted a 60-day notice to the KALHD executive board of her resignation effective February 28, 2019.



Project Updates

- **New Commissioner Orientation.** New Commissioner Orientation, hosted by KAC, is scheduled for January 18. Michelle Ponce will provide a public health overview. The presentation will be posted to the KALHD forum afterward.
- **Public Health Center for Innovations (PHNCI) Grant.** The Innovations grant ended in November. The culmination of all deliverables is four reports: a statewide FPHS roadmap, a local implementation plan, a Kansas FPHS legal review, and a performance management report. The reports will be shared and discussed in more detail at the February board meeting but are available for review at any time. If you would like copies prior to February, please e-mail michelle.ponce@kalhd.org.
- **KDHE/CEI/KALHD Medicaid Workgroup.** In partnership with the Local Public Health Program at KDHE and the KALHD, staff from the Community Engagement Institute at Wichita State University are organizing a conversation for interested partners about what's happening now, what's possible in the future, and how can we partner for more effective interventions in regard to addressing social determinants of health. The meeting is scheduled for January 18 and will include representatives from the KanCare MCOs, education, human services, primary care, and behavioral health.
- **PHEP.** KDHE has requested KALHD gather local input for a "capabilities planning guide." KALHD will be reaching out to members and regional coordinators as more details are available.

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 nine individuals to attend the 2019 Preparedness Summit in St. Louis, MO, March 26-29 17-20. To date, 8 individuals representing 4 PHEP regions have been confirmed to receive travel scholarships. Funding is still available for up to 1 more attendee. To request a travel scholarship, contact heather.richardson@kalhd.org by February 1 (funding will be approved in the order requests are received, with a preference for representation from multiple PHEP regions).

Legislative Updates

- The Kansas legislature convened on January 14, 2018.
- Governor Laura Kelly was sworn into office on January 14 and will provide her state of the state address on January 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- KAC is jointly hosting Local Government Day with the League of Kansas Municipalities on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. The event will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please register by January 18 at kansascounties.org.

Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Informatics Subcommittee: January 22 at 11:00
- KAC Local Government Day: January 23
- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: February 19

