Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

Call to Order:
The November Board of Directors meeting of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 by Lindsay Payer.

Acknowledgement of Board Members and Attendees Present
President Lindsay Payer
District 1 Karla Heble
District 3 Terry Brecheisen
District 5 Diedre Serene
District 5 Alt Lynnette Redington
Nick Baldetti – Member-at-large
Jason Tiller – Member-at-large
Katie Mahuron – KDHE
Shelly Schneider, Barton County
Aaron Davis, CEI
Ty Kane, CEI
Executive Director, Michelle Ponce
Assistant Director, Heather Richardson

Online Attendees
Adrienne Byrne
Cheryl Goetz
Dan Partridge
Dana Rickley
Darcie Van Der Vyver
Ladonna Reinert
Lisa Kenworthy
Paula Bitter
Rhonda Sperber
Rita McKoon
Ruth Walker
Sara Hodges
Tammy Von Busch
Jennifer Green

Approval of Agenda
Terry moved to approve the agenda, and Jason seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
Approval of October Minutes
Dana moved to approve the October minutes, and Lynnette seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2019 Policy Statement
KALHD members reviewed the draft 2019 policy statement, and suggested a couple minor changes to correct grammar errors. Nick motioned to approve the statement, and Terry seconded. The policy statement was approved with typo corrections.

A final version will be emailed to members, along with a letter template. Legislators will receive a copy in their KALHD Christmas cards in December.

2019 Annual Budget
Michelle reviewed the budget document with members. Highlights of the discussion:

- At the time of the meeting, the Core Support ($70,000 annually) and PHEP ($68,000 annually) grant status are unknown. *In December, KDHE informed KALHD that they will not be renewing KALHD’s contract in the PHEP program for 2019-2020.*
- PHPP and PHNCI grants ended in FY2018, so all of those funded needed to be spent down before the end of those grants.
- KIPHS grant was extended to March 2019. We will need to spend the remaining balance by the end of March.
- KALHD returned all but $4700 to KHF’s Event Management grant. The remaining funds will be used to support meetings such as KHM and PHSG.

Even with significant reductions to the 2019 budget, the ending balance is just over $40,000. Jennifer inquired about raising dues. Dan, Jennifer, Karla, and Nick will work together to research the idea of raising dues for 2020.

Jason motioned to accept the 2019 budget document, and Terry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

October Financial Report
Dan presented the monthly financial report for October 2018. Nick motioned to approve the report, and it was seconded by Karla. The motion passed unanimously.

2019 Meeting Calendar
View the calendar options here: http://www.kalhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Calendar-Options.docx. The membership voted unanimously to approve the following 2019 meeting schedule:

- 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

**Proposed Bylaw Revision:**

Nick motioned to approve the revision, and it was seconded by Jennifer. The motion passed unanimously.

**End-of-year Executive Director’s Report**

**DCF Presentation**
DCF staff gave members a very basic overview of the DCF economic programs. To view the DCF presentation, fast forward to 1:02:34 in the meeting video here: [http://kalhd.adobeconnect.com/pqummwi59wqc/](http://kalhd.adobeconnect.com/pqummwi59wqc/)

**Upcoming Medicaid Advisory Meeting**
Aaron Davis: The January Medicaid Advisory Meeting will focus on SDOH. In addition to the normal team members, folks from the MCO’s, KAMU, DCF, and the Hospital Association have been invited to attend. Our goal, regarding SDOH, is to identify what everyone is doing, what concerns there are, what partnerships are important, and what duplications exist.

**FPHS Subcommittee & Pathfinder Projects**

Pathfinder Projects:
Area 1: Demonstrate the role, activities and value of public health in ensuring safe and healthy communities through advocacy efforts.
- Pathfinder Project #1: Compile and organize local community health assessments (CHAs) and community health improvement plans (CHIPs) to identify priorities and drive action.
- Pathfinder Project #2: Develop a variety of resources to support talking about public health to a variety of Audiences.
- Pathfinder Project #3: Target the “need to know more” LHDs around these issues to make connections with them and understand their perspective (not to convince)

Area 2: Explore and implement new governance and service delivery models.
- Pathfinder Project #4: KALHD Workshop/s

Area 3: Further explore fiscal policy recommendations to ensure that the costs of foundational public health services are covered in every community.
- Pathfinder Project #5: Finalize the Future of Public Health in Kansas Fiscal Assessment

Area 4: Develop a legal framework to support public health modernization in Kansas.
- Pathfinder Project #6: Follow-up on completion of the PHNCI Policy and Legal report and ensure it’s reviewed and vetted by KALHD stakeholders.
- Pathfinder Project #7: Education (for LHDs) on advocacy and lobbying and how to drive policy-change at annual and/or MYM, etc.

Area 5: Explore and implement performance measures and accountability structures for public health in Kansas.
Pathfinder Project #8: ID a “core set” or “lead set” of FPHS Performance Measures, communicate those and ID performance against those measures statewide.

We will track the progress of these projects and report out at board meetings. Please note these are the initial pathfinder projects, which we hope will lead to other projects in the future.

After this meeting adjourns, board members will reconvene upstairs to discuss the plan for strategic planning and priority-setting in January.

FPHS Subcommittee

Jennifer: Do we think that needs to be a subcommittee in the bylaws at some point? Multiple members suggested having a representative from each district or health department size.

Michelle: Please add an agenda item for spring board meeting to discuss how to formalize the structure for the FPHS subcommittee and bylaws revision.

Advocacy Goals and Strategies for 2019 – Michelle
Members had an initial conversation about KALHD’s strategies for 2019, given the new incoming administration who is more supportive of Public Health.

Michelle’s 2019 legislative session priority issues are engagement, and relationship building. Secondary to that, should be to have a clear and consistent shortlist of public health critical issues. It’s important that members all agree on this list, and communicate public health issues to legislators using consistent language. It would be beneficial to consult with transition team member about the importance of strengthening our relationship and increasing our partnership opportunities with KDHE. KALHD should be recognized as a key stakeholder in those decisions.

Members agreed to Michelle’s assessment. Michelle discussed ways that members can “expand their base” using power mapping and provided tips on having more productive one-on-one conversations.
January 23 is Local Government Day (LKM and KAC joint effort) invites legislators to attend and hosts presentations. Health department administrators are free to attend as well. Administrators. Register for this free event at: http://www.kansascounties.org/calendar/local-government-day

Legislative Committee assignments are available at: http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/committees/ As of today, January 11, 2019, the committee list still shows 2018 session legislators.

Members discussed reviving the regular meetings with KALHD, KPHA and KHDE Secretary and discussed the differences among advisory committees, blue ribbon panels, taskforces, State Board of Health statewide groups and explored ideas for creating a group to help advocate for KALHD members. Michelle suggested tying this to the overall goal of increasing engagement with KDHE and modernization efforts.

Michelle asked members to think about the tools members need KALHD to provide to help in relationship building and continue thinking about whether or not we should ask for a taskforce or advisory group. Deadline for this is the week of November 26.

Lindsay proposed Michelle and Heather put together a policy committee, with an invitation to KALHD membership and continue this conversation on a call. Board members can hold key informant interviews with past BOH and give feedback to Michelle within the next 30 days. KALHD will send out the 2019 policy statement, draft letter and link to the Kansas Legislature website. Reminder that our goal is 80% contact rate.

Important dates/opportunities to meet legislators in Topeka:
- January 15 (KALHD Board Meeting)
- February 19 (County Gov’t Day)

**Election Slate**


Lindsay began the election of new Board of Directors by reviewing the slate of candidates. Nick moved to approve the election slate with one addition of Cheryl Goetz to continue as District 1 Alternate. Terry seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote approved the slate.

View the 2019 Board of Directors: http://www.kalhd.org/board-of-directors/

**Adjourn**

Diedre motioned to adjourn, and Lynnette seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Richardson