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**Executive Director Report**

**February 19, 2019**

# Organizational Updates

* **2019 Dues.** Dues invoices were mailed on January 2 and are payable by March 31. As of February 18, 84 counties have paid dues.
* **2019 District Meetings.** District meeting dates have been confirmed. Registration will be made available later this week on KS-TRAIN (an e-mail with additional details will be sent out once registration is open).
	+ District 1 Quinter: April 29
	+ District 2 Salina: March 27
	+ District 3 Topeka: March 15
	+ District 4 Garden City: May 29
	+ District 5 Wichita: April 15
	+ District 6 Iola: April 17
* **Executive Director Transition.** Michelle Ponce’s final date of employment with KALHD is February 28. Dennis Kriesel has accepted the position of Executive Director and will begin in that role on March 1. Dennis’s e-mail address will be dennis.kriesel@kalhd.org.
* **2019 Midyear Meeting.** KALHD will host a preconference workshop on Monday, June 17 on PH Informatics. The KALHD informatics subcommittee is working with the Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) to develop the agenda for the day. Registration will be required, but there will be no cost to attend. The regular Midyear Meeting conference sessions will be June 18-29 at the Hotel at Old Town in Wichita.

# Project Updates

* **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.
* **PHEP.** 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 travel scholarships to nine individuals representing to attend the 2019 Preparedness Summit in St. Louis, March 26-29.

# Legislative Updates

* Legislative Calendar
	+ Feb 28 (Turnaround Day) Last day to consider non-exempt bills in house of origin.
	+ March 27 Last day to consider non-exempt bills not in originating chamber.
	+ April 5 (Drop Dead Day) No bills considered after this date except bills vetoed by governor, omnibus appropriations act and omnibus reconciliations spending limit bill.
	+ May 1 Veto session is anticipated to begin.
* Bills of Interest

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| Bill Number/Subject | Sponsor | Status | Recent Action |
| SB 11: Establishing the licensure of dental therapists | Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight | In Senate Public Health and Welfare | 1/15/2019 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare 1/14/2019 - Senate – Introduced 1/11/2019 - - Prefiled for introduction |
| SB54: Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program | SWAM | In Senate Public Health and Welfare | 1/30/2019 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare 1/29/2019 - Senate - Introduced |
| SB76: Sales tax rate on food and food ingredients. | SWAM |  | 2/21/19 Scheduled for hearing\*2/1/19 Referred to Committee on Assessment and Taxation1/31/19 Introduced |
| SB113: Providing for the legal use of medical cannabis | Tom Holland, D-3rd | In Senate Public Health and Welfare | 2/7/2019 - Senate - Referred to Public Health and Welfare 2/6/2019 - Senate - Introduced |
| HB2030: Expanding eligibility for Medicaid benefits to the extent permitted by the affordable care act | Jim Ward, D-86th | In House Health and Human Services | 2/12/2019 - Senate - Referred to Judiciary 2/11/2019 - Senate - Received and introduced 2/8/2019 – House - Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 101, Nays 15 |
| HB2066: Updating certain requirements relating to advanced practice registered nurses | House Health and Human Services Committee | In House Health and Human Services | 2/6/2019 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Monday, 2/11, 1:30 PM, Rm 546-S 1/24/2019 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services 1/23/2019 - House - Introduced |
| HB 2082: Allowing pharmacists to administer drugs pursuant to a prescription order | HHHS | In House Health and Human Services | 2/1/2019 - House - Scheduled Hearing in Health and Human Services: Wednesday, 2/6, 1:30 PM, Rm 546-S1/25/2019 - House - Referred to Health and Human Services 1/24/2019 - House - Introduced |
| HB2102: Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program | HAPP | In HAPP | 1/30/2019 - House - Referred to Appropriations 1/29/2019 - House - Introduced |
| HB2261: Decreasing the sales and use tax rate on food and food ingredients to 5.5% | Committee on Taxation |  | 2/18/19 Scheduled for hearing\*1/12/19 Introduced, referred to Committee on Taxation |

\*KALHD submitted written testimony

# Important Dates to Remember

* KALHD Informatics Subcommittee: February 26 at 11:00
* KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: March 19
* KALHD District Meetings (dates noted above)
* KDHE-KALHD-WSU Medicaid Workgroup: April 26