

4/16/2019

Denise Kelly
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Dear Ms. Kelly,

This letter provides the Kansas Association of Local Health Department's (KALHD's) written concurrence, on behalf of member local health departments, for the proposed use of the non-earmarked cooperative agreement funds as described in the Kansas Project Budget and Kansas Work Plan Budget Year 2019-2020.

The process leading up to this letter of support is outlined in the following boards:

- On April 8, 2019 KDHE staff distributed the draft local and regional public health work plans to KALHD members.
- On April 11, 2019 KALHD members and staff participated with KDHE Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) to discuss the draft work plans and to provide feedback.
- Between April 11 and April 14, 2019 additional feedback and concerns were shared between local health departments, KALHD staff, and PHEP staff.
- On April 15, 2019 KDHE staff distributed the revised, final local and regional work plans to KALHD members.
- On April 16, 2019 the KALHD Board of Directors voted to support the local and regional work plans and grant application.

KALHD is the statewide membership organization that currently represents 93 of the 100 local health departments in Kansas. The non-member local health departments, by county, are: Chautauqua, Cherokee, Finney, Hamilton, Labette, Montgomery, and Republic.

Sincerely,



Dennis Kriesel
KALHD Executive Director



From: Dennis Kriesel
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Denise L. Kelly [KDHE]
Cc: Kendra Baldrige [KDHE]; Heather Richardson; Jennifer Green
Subject: PHEP: KALHD Concurrence
Attachments: 2019-20 PHEP Concurrence.pdf

Importance: High

Good afternoon Denise,

I have attached the KALHD concurrence letter for PHEP 2019-2020. The KALHD Board of Directors authorized me to sign and submit concurrence on behalf of KALHD's 93 member local health departments during today's board meeting.

I appreciate that revisions made to the final work plans that were distributed in response to the feedback provided by KALHD members. I also appreciate your commitment to establishing a new PHEP contract with KALHD and for the creation of a KALHD-KDHE preparedness team to meet quarterly (we are in the process to selecting participants and should be ready to go before the start of the next State Fiscal Year). I look forward to working with you on emergency preparedness during this upcoming cycle.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

CC: Kendra Baldrige, Director of KDHE's Bureau of Community Health Systems
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