Organizational Updates

- **Sunflower Foundation “Core Support” Funding**
  - The Sunflower Foundation has core support funding available for organizations that participate on social determinants of health.
  - I submitted an application for KALHD. Confirmation was received via email on April 2nd.
  - Funding request is $30,000. The grants are highly competitive, and funding decisions are expected in late June.

- **2019 Dues**
  - The following health departments have not submitted dues payments to be KALHD members, and are now past the deadline (as of 4/9/2019): Chautauqua, Cherokee, Hamilton, Labette, Montgomery, Finney, and Republic.
  - Finney and Republic were 2018 members. The rest of the non-members did not join KALHD in 2018. Staff hopes that removal from the billing Listserv will motivate their return.
  - Elk rejoined KALHD in 2019 (it was not a 2018 member).

- **2019 District Meetings**
  - The District 5 meeting in Wichita was held on April 15th.

- **2019 Midyear Meeting**
  - I pursued the additional sponsorship ideas from the last board meeting, but none of those has (at least as yet) generated additional sponsorship funds. I remain open to more ideas, just send suggested sponsors to me: dennis.kriesel@kalhd.org
  - We are still gathering topic suggestions for the midyear meeting, though I have enough ideas already to fully construct an agenda.

- **Aetna Better Health of Kansas**
  - I met with Shanti Ramcharan, the Adult System of Care Administrator with Aetna Better Health of Kansas, on April 8th.
  - Our discussion was on coordinating some social determinants work through KALHD.
  - The plan will be to get some feedback on what the priorities are from Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and then Aetna is thinking about some pilot projects.
  - Shanti did indicate an interest specifically in social determinants, versus social needs (they are interested in both but understand the distinction and our interest in the former).
  - There may be some funding available for KALHD down the road as well, depending on the project and what we collaborate on. We discussed some concepts like model resolutions and policy changes to implement social determinant reforms.
Project Updates

- **PHEP**
  - As most have already heard, I have been working to reverse KDHE’s decision to not issue a PHEP contract to KALHD. These efforts have been successful, and KALHD will engage in a $56,000 contract to continue PHEP work.
  - Most of the deliverables remain as before, but several new tasks have been added (namely guaranteed PHEP topics at the KALHD mid-year and with the KAC conference, coupled with additional outreach items targeting county commissioners).
  - The only substantive removal was no longer listing KALHD as a participant with the HCC Steering Committee (which is not currently happening), but in its place KALHD is taking lead on organizing the KALHD-KDHE Advisory Team (to meet quarterly).
  - The contract dollar amount is reduced from the current $68,000. This is primarily due to removal of passthrough funds for LHDs to attend a national PHEP conference. KALHD will see a slight increase in funding for staff time, related to the additional duties I’ve agreed to.

Legislative Updates

- **Legislative Calendar**
  - May 1 Veto session is anticipated to begin.

- **Bills of Interest**

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Feb 27, 2019-House: Withdrawn from Calendar; Referred to Committee on Appropriations  
Feb 26, 2019-House: Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Committee on Children and Seniors  
Feb 19, 2019-House: Hearing: Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 1:30 PM Room 346-S  
Feb 11, 2019-House: Referred to Committee on Children and Seniors  
Feb 11, 2019-House: Introduced |
| HB 2261     | Decreasing the sales and use tax rate on food and food ingredients to 5.5%. | Mon, Feb 18, 2019 House Hearing: Monday, February 18, 2019, 3:30 PM Room 112-N Tue, Feb 12, 2019 House Referred to Committee on Taxation 160 Tue, Feb 12, 2019-House: Introduced |

- Note HB 2066 is now a Medicaid bill, and due to size reasons only the latest history of the bill’s status is shown in the tracking above. Not shown, HB 2066 is set, when the Senate is back from break, to be voted on to get pulled out of committee directly to the Senate floor. This action was done to bypass bottling the bill up. HB 2082 also only has the latest history listed for space reasons.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: May 21
- KALHD District Meetings
  - Salina: April 22
  - Iola: April 17
  - Quinter: April 29
  - Garden City: May 29
- KDHE-KALHD-WSU Medicaid Workgroup: April 26