

## Executive Director Report April 16, 2019

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 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 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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**

KALHD Bills of Interest (bold bills had KALHD testimony)		
Bill	Subject	Status
SB 11	Establishing the licensure of dental therapists.	Jan 15, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare Jan 14, 2019 -Senate: Introduced Jan 14, 2019-Senate: Prefiled for Introduction on Friday, January 11, 2019
SB 54	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program.	Jan 30, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare Jan 29, 2019-Senate: Introduced
<b>SB 76</b>	Sales tax rate on food and food ingredients.	Feb 21, 2019-Senate: Hearing: Thursday, February 21, 2019, 9:30 AM Room 548-S Feb 1, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Assessment and Taxation Jan 31, 2019-Senate: Introduced
SB 113	Providing for the legal use of medical cannabis.	Mar 15, 2019-Senate: Hearing continuation: Friday, March 15, 2019, 9:30 AM Room 118-N Mar 14, 2019-Senate: Hearing: Thursday, March 14, 2019, 9:30 AM Room 118-N Feb 7, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare Feb 6, 2019-Senate: Introduced
HB 2030	Expanding eligibility for medicaid benefits to the extent permitted by the affordable care act.	Jan 14, 2019-House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services Jan 14, 2019-House: Introduced



HB 2066	Updating certain requirements relating to advanced practice registered nurses. <i>(Note: Now a Medicaid expansion bill!)</i>	<p>Mar 26, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare</p> <p>Mar 22, 2019-Senate: Received and Introduced</p> <p>Mar 21, 2019-House: Final Action - Passed as amended; Yea: 69 Nay: 54</p> <p>Mar 21, 2019-House: Engrossed on Thursday, March 21, 2019</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Be passed as amended Yea: 70 Nay: 54</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Amendment by Representative Landwehr was rejected Yea: 55 Nay: 69</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Motion to Amend - Offered by Representative Landwehr</p>
HB 2082	Allowing pharmacists to administer drugs pursuant to a prescription order.	<p>Mar 26, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare</p> <p>Mar 22, 2019-Senate: Received and Introduced</p> <p>Mar 21, 2019-House: Final Action - Passed as amended; Yea: 122 Nay: 1</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Engrossed on Wednesday, March 20, 2019</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Be passed as amended</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Amendment by Representative Carlin was rejected</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Motion to Amend - Offered by Representative Carlin</p> <p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Committee Report be adopted</p> <p>Mar 14, 2019-House: Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Committee on Health and Human Services</p> <p>Mar 6, 2019-House: Withdrawn from Committee on Appropriations; Rereferred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
HB 2102	Establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program.	<p>Jan 29, 2019-House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>Jan 29, 2019-House: Introduced</p>
HB 2198	Allowing the use of expedited partner therapy to treat a sexually transmitted disease.	<p>Feb 28, 2019-Senate: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Welfare</p> <p>Feb 27, 2019-Senate: Received and Introduced</p> <p>Feb 27, 2019-House: Final Action - Passed; Yea: 89 Nay: 35</p> <p>Feb 26, 2019-House: Committee of the Whole - Be passed</p> <p>Feb 22, 2019-House: Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Committee on Health and Human Services</p> <p>Feb 14, 2019-House: Hearing: Thursday, February 14, 2019, 1:30 PM Room 546-S</p> <p>Feb 7, 2019-House: Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p> <p>Feb 7, 2019-House: Introduced</p>



HB 2228	Relating to penalties for operating a child care facility without a license.	<p>Mar 20, 2019-House: Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Committee on Children and Seniors</p> <p>Mar 6, 2019 -House: Withdrawn from Committee on Appropriations; Rereferred to Committee on Children and Seniors</p> <p>Feb 27, 2019-House: Withdrawn from Calendar; Referred to Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>Feb 26, 2019-House: Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Committee on Children and Seniors</p> <p>Feb 19, 2019-House: Hearing: Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 1:30 PM Room 346-S</p> <p>Feb 11, 2019-House: Referred to Committee on Children and Seniors</p> <p>Feb 11, 2019-House: Introduced</p>
HB 2261	Decreasing the sales and use tax rate on food and food ingredients to 5.5%.	<p>Mon, Feb 18, 2019 House Hearing: Monday, February 18, 2019, 3:30 PM Room 112-N Tue, Feb 12, 2019</p> <p>House Referred to Committee on Taxation 160Tue, Feb 12, 2019-House: Introduced</p>

- 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

