

Executive Director Report June 19, 2019

Organizational Updates

- **Sunflower Foundation Core Support Grant for SDoH**
 - Several months back I announced we applied for a \$30,000 core support grant open to organizations working on SDoH. We did not receive funding (we knew there were a lot of applicants but it seemed to be worth applying for).
 - I am continuing to explore other opportunities with the Sunflower Foundation (more project-oriented work).
- **Dane G. Hansen Foundation**
 - I've put in an application to this NW Kansas focused foundation for a continuing education grant.
 - If approved, KALHD would administer reimbursements to local health departments in this foundation's 26-county region for things like dues, workshop travel costs, etc.
- **Health Forward Foundation**
 - I've put in an application to this foundation (focused on Allen, Johnson, and Wyandotte counties) for a core support grant.
 - My thanks to Lougene Marsh of Johnson County for providing a letter of support!
 - This submission made the July 10th deadline. It may be two months before we hear back. Request was for \$50,000.
- **Audit**
 - KALHD's annual audit field work took place the week of July 1st.

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - KALHD signed a six-month extension to the prior PHEP contract so that services could be maintained while the new RFP was being put together.
 - The KALHD-KDHE PHEP Advisory Team is assembled and the first meeting scheduled for August (the plan is to meet quarterly).
- **PHIT**
 - Jason Tiller is representing KALHD with this effort and attended the in-person meeting with the other participating states. I started to participate with the Kansas team (includes KDHE and CPHI).
 - It's to learn how to do systems thinking.
 - In Kansas we're tackling the challenge of why local health departments that prioritize behavioral health issues struggle to make progress.



Legislative Updates

- No legislative news. In August I think we'll want to constitute the Legislative Committee to decide what the platform in 2020 should look like.

Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: August 20th (Adobe Connect)
- KAC Annual Conference/KALHD Annual Meeting: November 12-14 (Hyatt Regency Hotel & Century II Convention Center, Wichita, KS)
 - **NOTICE:** The KALHD Annual Meeting portion will take place on Thursday, November 14, 2019 starting at 9:30 am.

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director



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