

## Executive Director Report August 20, 2019

### Organizational Updates

- **REACH Healthcare Foundation**
  - In early August I had a meeting with the REACH Healthcare Foundation. My goal was to build a relationship with the funder and see about funding opportunities that might align with KALHD.
  - REACH is not willing to issue new core support grants (what I was hoping to obtain).
  - REACH is interested in our advocacy/lobbying work, particularly around Medicaid expansion, but they already fund a collaborative effort (of which KALHD is a member) on that.
  - REACH did indicate they may be able to provide some support for the Mid-Year Meeting in 2020. They also are willing to consider future projects with us and noted if we need matching funds to draw down other funds that is something they like to help with.
- **Dane G. Hansen Foundation**
  - Our application here is still undecided.
- **Health Forward Foundation**
  - My application for core support funding was rejected.
- **Cerner**
  - On 8/13/2019 I sent a \$30,000 request to Cerner's philanthropic arm.
  - Funding was requested for cover staff salaries related to SDoH work (with a plan to deliver a webinar via KAC and more SDoH education at the KALHD MYM and/or the KAC annual conference).
  - Overall work akin to the SDoH grant application to Sunflower Foundation several months ago.
- **Bayer**
  - On 8/13/2019 I submitted a \$30,000 core support request to Bayer's philanthropic arm.
  - Funding would be to support the organization broadly in its public health mission.
  - Request is for a 12-month period (November 2019-October 2020).
- **AmerisourceBergen**
  - Applied to be considered as a prospective grantee in the future.
  - They fund a lot of opioid work as well as other human health projects.
- **Kansas Public Health Association**
  - KPHA has released an RFP to find an organization to help provide administrative duties to their association.
  - KALHD has submitted a response (turned in on 8/12/2019). If awarded, this work will fall almost entirely on Heather Richardson to help provide support with conferences, board meetings, and communications with membership.
- **Kansas Environmental Health Association**



- Sent an email to the KEHA President to see if they are interested in a contract for KALHD to help them with administrative duties.
- There was a request by KEHA in the past but the process shut down after KALHD provided some information (this was years ago).
- **Sunflower Foundation**
  - KALHD was asked to put together a proposal to do some model templates for counties to involve LHDs in their platform development process and to establish a model procedure for allowing county employees to run their private testimony through to be sure it won't upset or go against county positions (both designed to get more public health testimony to the Kansas Legislature).
  - KALHD met with KAC to come up with a proposal, which was sent on to Sunflower on 8/12/2019.
  - Current plan is for the proposal to be considered in October.
- **Audit/Tax Prep (Form 990)**
  - KALHD's annual audit is done and will be presented at the September board meeting.
  - We've received responses back from two of the three auditors I contacted regarding quotes for the 2019 audit to be done next year (Wendling Noe did not respond to my request for a quote).
    - Summers, Spencer & Company (SS&C) has quoted **\$7,500** to audit the 2019 books.
    - Berberich Trahan & Co. (BT&Co), KALHD's present auditor, has quoted **\$8,200** for the 2019 audit as part of a three-year plan (the 2020 audit being \$8,400 and the 2021 audit being \$8,600).
  - We also received tax preparation quotes (Form 990)
    - SS&C quotes at **\$1,000**
    - BT&Co quotes at **\$1,300** (for all three years)

## Project Updates

- **PHEP**
  - The PHEP RFP was released in late July. KALHD applied for it, and USPS tracking confirms it arrived on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - The RFP closes on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Legislative Updates

- No legislative news.

## Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: September 17<sup>th</sup> (In-Person)
- 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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