

Executive Director Report August 20, 2019

Organizational Updates

- **Organizational Downsizing: Elimination of the Assistant Director Position**
 - Due to the 2019 projections being extremely inaccurate compared to real income and expenditures, KALHD will not end 2019 with an acceptable cash balance unless extreme action is taken in the last quarter of the year.
 - As such, I am ending the Assistant Director position after the month of September.
 - Heather's last day as the A.D. will be September 30th.
 - KALHD will explore either creating a part-time support position through year-end (Heather has been offered this, and finances appear to allow it for the rest of 2019) or contracting with another organization to provide ad hoc support (e.g., meeting minutes).
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
 - I submitted a brief proposal on 8/22/2019 for a HiAP grant project.
 - The grant concept is sizable (\$240,000), half of which is to fund 10 counties to spend 6 months doing HiAP worksheets. The rest would be for KHI and KALHD for grant-related activities (gathering the worksheets, analysis, arranging for a presentation on the results, etc.)
- **Capitol Federal Foundation**
 - I submitted a request for \$10,000 to help defray costs associated with moving offices.
 - KAC estimates the total impact of the move (for them and us combined) at \$20,000
- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation**
 - On 8/23/2019 I submitted a request for \$5,000 to cover the 2020 updates to the KALHD billing manual.
- **United Methodist Health Ministry Fund**
 - I had a phone discussion on 9/9/2019, running through a bit about KALHD, our changes we've seen financially, and walking through several project ideas we've been interested in pursuing.
 - No commitments at this time, though they want to learn more and explore the idea of a z-code pilot project (something we've been working on closely with CEI and the MCOs).
- **KDHE**
 - Cristi Cain has requested KALHD produce a training guide built around the new LHD orientation manual
 - The guide would be used to assist in planning the new LHD administrator training to be held in conjunction with the 2020 Governor's Public Health Conference
 - It must be done by the end of this month. I have agreed to write it.
 - KALHD will receive \$9,000 for time spent on the guide.



- Another \$1,000 will cover the CEI costs for updating the orientation manual. Unclear at this time if that will be paid directly to CEI or if KALHD will receive \$10,000 and handle that expenditure.

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - The RFP closed on August 28th. There were two bidders (including KALHD).
- **KPHA**
 - RFP closed last day of August. No idea how many other bidders.

Legislative Updates

- No legislative news.

Important Dates to Remember

- KALHD Board of Directors Meeting: October 15th (Online)
- 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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