

Kansas Association of Local Health Department's

KAC BOD Representative Report for September 17, 2019

1. Bruce Chladny formally began his tenure as the Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Counties this September (formally August 30th). Bruce comes to the Association from K-State Research and Extension in Wyandotte County. See attached announcement for more information.
2. Dornella Leal began serving as KACs Operations & Finance Director in April 2019. Prior to this position she spent 20 years working for the State of Kansas in Finance and Accounting.
3. Dave Johnson, formally representing Sedgwick county EMS on the Board resigned his position as he has taken a new role in Hutchinson. He was formally replaced by Frank Williams on the KAC BOD.
4. The Association will be actively seeking to fill an Associate Legislative Director position to assist Jay Hall, Legislative Policy Director and General Counsel. The impetus for the position is to bring KAC more strength in advocacy and lobbying efforts in effectively representing Kansas Counties in the Legislature.
5. The KAC annual conference will be held in Wichita at Century II this year from November 12-14. The KALHD annual meeting will coincide accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kansas Association of Counties Hires New Executive Director

The Kansas Association of Counties Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Bruce Chladny as the organization's new Executive Director. Mr. Chladny will begin his tenure with the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) on August 30, 2019. He comes to the KAC from K-State Research and Extension in Wyandotte County.

"We are excited to have Bruce join our organization," said Craig Cox, KAC President and Riley County Deputy County Counselor. "Bruce has over 25 years of experience in working with county officials through the K-State Research and Extension program. He brings a wealth of experience in organizational leadership, stakeholder collaboration, and grant management."



Under the policy guidance and direction of the KAC Governing Body, the Executive Director implements KAC's mission and manages the organization. The Executive Director plans, develops, and directs organizational policies and procedures, programs, services, human resources, and finances.

"I am excited to join The Kansas Association of Counties as I feel our association has an important role in shaping the future of our great state and is vital to helping influence the look and feel of Kansas communities for years to come," said Chladny. "There are several worthwhile issues to address and I am honored to join the talented staff and great partner members to achieve these goals and more."

During his tenure at K-State Research and Extension, he has worked on several projects focused on facilitation, team building, and leadership. He has worked with governmental entities and non-profit organizations to cooperatively address issues affecting the KC Metropolitan area.

Chladny holds a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri and a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Horticulture from Purdue University.