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Executive Director Report
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Organizational Updates

- **Organizational Downsizing: Elimination of the Assistant Director Position**
  - Heather's last day was September 30, 2019.
  - Heather was offered contract work and a part-time position through year-end at KALHD but decided against either option.
    - As such, KALHD will attempt to complete 2019 without contract support in order to minimize the impact to cash.
- **Capitol Federal Foundation**
  - We applied for a grant to help defray our moving expenses, and it was rejected.
- **KDHE**
  - KALHD did complete the training guide and was instructed to send an invoice for $9,000 to WSU. This has been submitted.
- **Academy of Science**
  - NACCHO affinity partner that is working on a bulk buy option for surveying software
  - Cost would be $1,000 per LHD
  - Participating LHDs would have access to a library of templates
    - Using these templates means you can benchmark results against other LHDs nationwide
  - I've reached out to AAron Davis (CEI) regarding using KALHD's informatics subcommittee to help provide feedback to AoS on what we'd like to see
  - KALHD, as SACCHO for Kansas, has been offered a referral agreement (we stand to receive funding if Kansas LHDs elect to participate). As we have no standing arrangement with any survey company I am intending to sign off on that. We'll be tasked with giving AoS the opportunity to present at an annual meeting (e.g., MYM)
- **Cerner**
  - My request for grant funding from Cerner's philanthropy (done back in August) was rejected on 10/11/2019.
- **Sunflower Foundation**
  - Brandson Skidmore, project officer, emailed me on 10/11/2019 stating the Sunflower Foundation's board approved the grant proposal for KALHD to work with KAC on a policy templating project
  - Expected to start in January (and run through June 2020)
  - This project will essentially underwrite $12,500 of KALHD's existing costs (total grant is $22,500)
  - We expect the formal paperwork process to begin in the next couple weeks
  - Given this notice, the budget has been revised to reflect this project in 2020

- **2020 KALHD Budget**
  - Included with the board materials is a draft budget for 2020. It is balanced but assumes we receive the PHEP contract (the budget is in significant trouble if that is not obtained). Some key highlights:
    - Only one KALHD employee (some funding is budgeted for contract work)
    - No district meetings
    - No food at in-person board meetings
    - No more Hawver News subscription (this is replaced by the bill tracking software/service KanFocus in the budget)
  - I'm providing the draft now so board members have about a month to review and ask any questions. An updated draft for approval will be presented at the November board meeting during the KAC annual conference.

Project Updates
- **PHEP**
  - The RFP closed on August 28th. There were two bidders (including KALHD). Still no official update on this from the State.
- **KPHA**
  - RFP closed last day of August. I received word that KPHA had "sticker shock" on all the proposals. Now that Heather is gone I do not see a viable path for us to do this contract if we've also got PHEP, so I am not inclined to pursue it further.

Legislative Updates
- Our capacity grant from the Kansas Health Foundation is now in effect.
- We obtained KanFocus for the 2020 session and I've already been placing bills into the system for us to track that were introduced during the 2019 session.

Important Dates to Remember
- 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.
- 21st Century Summit 2019: Solutions for Healthier Kansas Communities (December 6, 2019 at the University of Kansas Union Big Twelve Room, Lawrence, KS)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director