

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

Online Meeting

Meeting Materials: <http://kalhd.org/meeting-resources-and -documents/>

Call to Order:

The October Board of Directors meeting of the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 by Jason Tiller. This was a virtual meeting held on Zoom.

Acknowledgement of Board Members and Attendees Present:

Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director

Jason Tiller, President-Elect

Colleen Hill

Cristi Cain, KDHE

Dana Rickley

Lindsay Payer, Past President

Lisa Horn, KDHE

Lisa Kenworthy, District 3

Nick Baldetti, Member-at-Large

Paula Bitter, District 2

Rayna Maddox, District 4 Alternate

Rita McKoon, District 6 Alternate

Shalei Shea

Teresa Starr, District 6

Lynnette Redington, District 5

Shelly Schneider, Member-at-Large

Diana (last name not captured)

Lori (last name not captured)

Rebecca (last name not captured)

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Payer made a motion to approve the October 15th agenda. Paula Bitter provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September Minutes

Lindsay Payer made a motion to approve the September Minutes. Shelly Schneider provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

KDHE updates (Cristi Cain, KDHE Local Public Health Program Director)

- Opioid funding - KDHE received a large CDC grant called Overdose to Action for \$3.1 million. There were six counties chosen on basis of data as target counties to receive funding and also mini grants will be given to local health departments. RFP is due November 8, 2019. Cristi encourages any county to apply.
- Had Behavioral Health Community Planning day on September 30. There were a total of 90 participants and had 30 presenters and topic areas. Please provide feedback you have for replication plans for other regions. Goal is to help local health departments make traction on behavioral health priorities identified through community planning.
- Can be Healthy Training -Regional trainings – sites for training will be Topeka, Wichita and Hays. Looking at December to February timeframes before Governor's Conference. Are there any other issue related to those dates? If so, please let Cristi know.
- Shipping through KALHD – a reimbursement is available for shipping of blood lead samples.
- Governor's Public Health Conference – Pre-conference is March 31 and conference is April 1 -2 at Marriott in Wichita. We have three of four Keynote speakers identified. 4th speaker either looking at communities that have healthy people and what they do to stay healthy or would you prefer to have someone humorous and motivational is the question. Please let Cristi know.
- MCH self-assessment from KU – many had concerns about length of the assessment – if you have questions, we urge you to contact your MCH consultant.
- Kansas Grant Management Systems – budget revisions due October 18.
- Legislation – met with legislative liaison at KDHE and asked for an increase in State Formula funding. She recommended KALHD asked for \$3 million to be put in KDHE's budget for State Formula. Please talk to your legislator in late Nov and invite them to visit your health department and share stories. Be prepared for oral and written testimony. Legislative liaison did not recommend school sanitary inspections be stricken. Any interest in KDHE in pursuing attorney general opinion on nuisances?

KAC updates (Nick Baldetti)

- KAC has a representative on the Tax Reform Council
- Limited interest in reducing sales tax on food

- Jay Hall represents KAC on voting center workgroup. The focus is to offer rules and regulations that enable counties to put into action voting center legislation. There is a lot of discussion around security information, physical ballots and integrity of system.
- There will be a second round of Kansas Department of Transportation meetings forthcoming.
- Recommendation is to review contracts with vendors of websites and third-party software. Counties that have had cyber-attacks are unhappy with the lack of support being received from the vendors.
- Conversations between BOD KAC and Treasurer association about rejoining as an affiliate to the KAC.
- Broadband taskforce final report to governor due by January.
 - Full task force to meet in November. Looking to find \$10 million the first year.
 - Sources left to legislature seek to establish connectivity to everyone in Kansas - \$300-million-dollar project.

Approval of September 2019 Financial Report

Dennis Kriesel, KALHD executive director, presented the monthly financial report for September. Lindsay Payer made a motion to receive and place on file the September 2019 financials. Shelly Schneider provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative discussion, school inspections

Lindsay Payer reported on the School Sanitary Inspections Survey. Lindsay stated 19 are conducting school sanitary inspections and six chartered out (county passed a charter resolution removing us from the requirement to conduct school inspections). Thirty-three have not chartered out. For “what position performs this inspection” was environmental health specialist and RN is the next most popular. “Funding stream to pay for school sanitary inspections” is local tax support. Survey was anonymous. The three highest “reasons behind deciding not to conduct school inspections” are lack of training, lack of staff and lack of time. If we are going forward and asking for extra money – what is more important to members – 56 percent said increasing State Formula and 44 percent said they were for removing the school sanitary inspection language from statute. Working with environmental health specialist to create guidance documented for training of local health departments.

Board discussion ensued focusing on whether it makes sense to go for removing this requirement from statute while trying to obtain more State Formula funding. Concerns expressed the former undermines the latter. Several board members seemed interested in promoting the charter resolution option as a solution to legally escape the inspection requirement without having to inform the legislature.

Next step – sharing the existing charters with other administrators – Dennis Kriesel will share the charters with the listserv.

Legislative discussion: State Formula funding (Lindsay Payer and Dennis Kriesel)

Dennis Kriesel stated the challenge is how to approach asking for more base funding without changing the status quo should there be no increase in funding obtained. What about minimum payments \$7,000 for assistance? Dennis presented a draft concept that, if the allocation of total state assistance is under \$3 million then a new minimum of \$15,000 would trigger, but if funding stayed under \$3 million then the existing base of \$7,000 would hold. The change from \$7,000 to \$15,000 is his language and accounts for inflation but is more than a CPI adjustment (which would be closer to \$13,000 as the new value given the unchanged support since 1992). There was no vote on this; the specific amount can be modified if desired after the legislative policy statement is adopted next month.

Executive Director's Report

- **Organizational Updates**

Dennis Kriesel stated KAHLD had to downsize and eliminated the assistant director position of Heather Richardson. Her last day was September 30th. Heather was offered contract work and a part-time position through the end of the year, but she decided against either.

- **Capitol Federal Foundation**

We applied for a grant to help defray our moving expenses and it was rejected.

- **KDHE**

KAHLD completed 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. You can load up template for community health assessments and can now benchmark results against other health departments in the system. Dennis reached out to Aaron Davis of CEI regarding using KALHDs 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. As we have no standing arrangement with any survey company, Dennis intends to sign off on that. We will be tasked with giving AoS the opportunity to present at an annual meeting.

- **Cerner**

Request for grant funding in August was rejected.

- **Sunflower Foundation**

Received grant for \$22,500. This proposal was approved for KALHD to work with KAC on policy templating project. Expect to start in January and run through June 2020. This project will underwrite \$12,500 of KALHD's existing costs. Given this notice, the budget has been revised to reflect this project in 2020.

- **2020 KALHD Budget**

The budget is balanced but assumes we receive the PHEP contract. Some key changes: only one KALHD employee (some funding is budgeted for contract work), no district meetings, no food at board meetings, and no more Hawver News subscription. This subscription has been replaced with KanFocus. Carry-over cash shown on a page in the budget and represents funds already received but to be held over for 2020 expenses. 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 of this from the State.
- KPHA – RFP closed last day of August. Reports are KPHA received word had “sticker shock” on all the proposals. They wanted 15 hours of support. Now that Heather is gone, there is no intention pursue this further as Dennis has no way to service the KPHA contract and the PHEP contract and still get anything done for KALHD's actual mission statement.

Legislative Updates

Our capacity grant from the Kansas Health Foundation is now in effect. We obtained KanFocus for the 2020 session and bills have been placed into the system for us to track that were introduced during the 2019 session.

Important Dates to Remember

KAC Annual Conference/KALHD Annual Meeting will be November 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. The KALHD annual meeting will take place Thursday, Nov 14 at 9:30 am.

No nominations have been received for the Governance Committee.

21st Century Summit 2019: Solution for Healthier Kansas Community will be December 6 at KU Union Big Twelve Room in Lawrence.

Adjournment

Lindsay Payer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Shelly Schneider provided the second and the motion passed. The vote was unanimous.