
Executive Director Report February 18, 2020

Organizational Updates

- **2020 Member Dues**
 - Mailed out on January 6, 2020.
 - As of 2/14/2020 we have received membership dues from 85 local health departments (out of 100).
- **Office Move**
 - Moving the leased copier required a significant handling fee so a new lease was signed for a new copier. This does run about \$5/month more than the last, and thus more than budgeted.
 - KALHD pays for its phone line access to KAC. The old location provider, GoFiber, was contracted through May so KALHD is presently paying for two lines (GoFiber and the new service). These telecom costs fall under our PHEP contract.
 - KALHD's new space came out to a lease of \$1,750/year (we budgeted \$5,000). Note: this rent will increase by 2% per year.

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - We received our second quarter payment for SFY 2020 at the end of January (very fast turnaround).
 - The KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Committee met on February 6th. Discussion has revolved around the new workplan requirements, but we also worked on the KALHD MYM PHEP topic.
 - KALHD hosted a PHEP webinar for the membership on February 13th to go over the workplans. There were over 50 participants.
 - A PHEP webinar through KAC (targeting commissioners and other county officials) is scheduled April 29th.
- **KHF Capacity Grant**
 - I have continued with template development throughout this legislative session. This will continue, along with legislative tracking.
 - The KALHD Administrator Listserv has been receiving my legislative updates that are also part of this project (I generally release these each Friday).
 - Templates are stored on a public-facing page at the KALHD website:
<https://www.kalhd.org/legislative-templates/>
 - If anyone would like a template created just let me know and I can prioritize it.
- **Sunflower Platform Project**
 - My work with KAC unofficially started back in December to work on one of two templates (a model for legislative platform development).
 - More recently the second template outline work (a model for reviewing employee testimony to authorize independent submissions without fear of retribution) has also started.

Legislative Updates

- KALHD has submitted written testimony on several bills so far:
 - SB 252 (supporting Medicaid expansion)
 - HB 2459 (supporting a limit on utilization review by health plans for certain behavioral health issues)
 - HB 2563 (supporting prohibiting several flavored vaping products and raising the purchase/possession age for tobacco from 18 to 21)
 - HB 2601 (neutral testimony, pointing out several concerns, on moving vaccine requirements from regulation to statute for schools and childcare facilities)
- I have provided oral testimony regarding enhancing the state formula funding for LHDs (our ask is to add \$1.9 million to the formula).
 - The House Social Services Budget Committee hearing was on 2/11/2020.
 - This report was written before the planned Senate Health Subcommittee, Ways and Means meeting (2/17/2020) but I did submit my intent to present in-person. The hearing may be 2/20/2020 (I'm getting mixed messages).
- I worked with Representative Murnan and she had the House Social Services Budget Committee introduce a bill to raise the State Formula minimum from \$7,000 to \$15,000 (if certain funding goals are met). No bill number known yet.

Important Dates to Remember

- March 17, 2020: KALHD Governing Board Meeting (in-person, 715 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka)
- March 31 – April 2, 2020: Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference (Marriott Wichita)
- June 15-17, 2020: KALHD Mid-Year Meeting (6/15 will be a pre-conference Data Day at no cost; 6/16-6/17 will be the actual MYM) (Hotel at Old Town, Wichita)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director