

## Executive Director Report May 19, 2020

### Organizational Updates

- **2020 Member Dues**
  - Mailed out on January 6, 2020
  - As of May 12<sup>th</sup>, we only have one LHD as a non-member (Republic)
    - Given the stay-at-home orders I have activated member benefits to anyone who indicates they have requested payment, even if it has not yet arrived to KALHD. It appears only one member has not yet sent payment, and another sent payment but it was lost in the mail and they are reissuing.
- **KHF COVID-19 Grant**
  - KALHD received its \$22,000 grant allocation from the Kansas Health Foundation

### Project Updates

- **PHEP**
  - KALHD has received its SFY 2020 Q3 payment.
  - I have submitted the second (of two) articles to KAC regarding PHEP. It will run in their June newsletter.
  - KDHE Preparedness has waived the requirement of a MYM PHEP session, so we won't be hosting a virtual version of that workshop. Everyone is getting lots of PHEP experience right now and so it wasn't deemed necessary.
- **KHF Capacity Grant**
  - Nothing to report as the Legislature has been on break since our last board meeting.
- **Sunflower Platform Project**
  - KAC was making some additional edits to the first drafts. I expect those to go out for broader review later this month.
- **Sunflower COVID-19 Grants**
  - KALHD is awaiting the second funding allotment
    - The Sunflower Foundation has decided it wants to fund any Round 1 applications that arrived from LHDs with at least one positive COVID case in KDHE's system at the cut-off date. So, when the funding arrives these submitters will be notified and paid under what I'm calling Round 1.5.
      - Those without a case *at that time* will be denied.
      - Whether funded in Round 1, Round 1.5, or not funded has no impact on applying in Round 2.
    - Round 2 funding is slated to be a fixed value, open only to those with COVID cases per KDHE, but the process otherwise will be highly similar (priority to the less dense counties, followed by submission timestamp).
- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas COVID-19 Grants**

- KALHD received the finalized agreement on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- At least \$135,000 will be available in direct LHD grants.
  - \$50,000 is set aside for statewide efforts that help LHDs, but if there's any surplus funding it will be kicked into the direct LHD pool.
- Current expectation will be first-come/first-served grants of up to \$5,000 for those with at least five confirmed/presumptive COVID-19 cases in their jurisdiction as per KDHE's online site. Application form will be very similar to the Sunflower Foundation application.
- **Blood Lead Shipping Reimbursements**
  - There's still funding available to cover blood lead expenses (we're under \$100 at this point and I assume it will be depleted within the next month but volume has slowed considerably since the arrival of COVID-19).

## Legislative Updates

- The Kansas Legislature is planning to return to Topeka for a one-day session on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - The one-day follow-up is highly unique and is being done to limit exposure to coronavirus.
  - The day is expected to focus on coronavirus-related topics, namely around the \$1.2 billion in federal funding coming to Kansas (many in the Kansas Legislature want oversight on those funds rather than just leave it to the governor).
  - It is not expected that the session's controversial topics, namely a constitutional amendment on abortion and Medicaid expansion, will see votes.

## Important Dates to Remember

- June 16, 2020: Virtual KALHD MYM (business meeting and board meeting). Starts at 10:00 am. Registration link:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkdOusqTouHt0ZeS2E\\_GDwojWi2qZSYKTK](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkdOusqTouHt0ZeS2E_GDwojWi2qZSYKTK)
- June 17, 2020: Virtual KALHD MYM (two workshops). Starts at 9:00 am. Registration link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYoc-mqrT0qG9WXn4dRt2QSAhgXvrJzJBQz>

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