

**KALHD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2020**

Board Member Attendees

Arlene Doll (Member-at-Large)
Lindsay Payer (Past-President)
Lisa Kenworthy (District 3 Representative)
Paula Rowden (District 4 Representative)
Jason Tiller (President)
Paula Bitter (District 2)
Aften Gardner (President-Elect)
Cheryl Goetz (District 1 Alternate)
Destany Wheeler (District 6 Representative)
Tammy Von Busch (District 2 Alternate)
Deidre Serene (District 5 Alternate)
Nick Baldetti (Member-at-Large)
Dan Partridge (Secretary-Treasurer)

Non-Board Attendees

Dennis Kriesel (KALHD)
Ladonna Reinert (Lincoln)
Dana Rickley (Clay)
Rita McKoon (Miami)
Cindy Mullen (West Central Public Health Initiative Region)
Kerianne Ehrlich (Ellsworth)
Heather Struble (Harper)
Diana Parke (Trego)
Lougene Marsh (KDHE)
Ashley Rogers
Lori Eichman (Rooks)
Betha Elliott (Cherokee)
Jennifer Cure (Sherman)
Emily Strange (Thomas)
Sara Hodges (Ottawa)
Rhonda Sperber (Logan)
Rhianna Shaw (Morton)
Nancy Marihugh (Jewell)

Call to order

Jason called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Board roll call

Dennis ran through a role call of online board members. He confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of agenda

Lindsay moved to approve the agenda. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of March 2020 minutes

Lindsay moved to approve the minutes. Aften seconded. Motion passed.

Monthly financial report: March 2020

Dennis presented the monthly financial report for March 2020, as this agenda item was reached before Dan could join the board meeting.

Dana Rickley suggested checking TechSoup for a better financial deal on QuickBooks Online.

Lindsay moved to receive and place on file the March 2020 financials. Destany seconded. Motion passed.

KDHE updates

Lougene Marsh noted she wasn't tapped specifically do the KDHE updates but she encouraged people to attend the daily LHD webinars hosted by KDHE and that she is doing summaries of that information. Lougene encouraged people to fill out the volunteer survey and indicate if they want training or help with volunteers. She also mentioned some LHDs have received Kansas Health Foundation grants.

Kansas Association of Counties update – if any

Nick was not initially available to provide an update. Dennis summarized KAC doing social media pushes to county governments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nick arrived to the meeting later and this topic was resumed. He mentioned the National Association of Counties (NACo) presented to the KAC governing board about a fourth round of funding at the federal level, but that funding does not seem to have anything designated for city/county governments. NACo is going to work on advocacy to achieve that support. Nick said as of Friday those discussions seemed to indicate a Kansas allocation, if approved, at \$160 million with only \$16 million for counties.

Nick advocated that KALHD ask local authorities to keep a pulse on federal funding relief and to push for stronger county support in anything allocated.

Nick also said the KAC board was shown some modeling regarding the pandemic and noted no one can really predict the right tail of the event with accuracy.

Discuss Administrator Listserv policy approved 5-21-2019

Dennis summarized the desire for more designees to the list by some attendees, versus the cap of the administrator and a single additional designee. Tammy expressed the listserv is already too busy and she isn't keen on seeing more traffic. Destany agreed with Tammy, said she didn't feel strongly but that the listserv already has a lot of traffic. Jason indicated the listserv is designed for administrators and

deputies. Lisa indicated she forwards on relevant emails to a broader audience. Dana Rickley agreed as well; that it's a safe place for people to discuss things as currently structured.

No action taken.

Executive Director's Report

Dennis ran through his written executive director's report.

Dennis brought up that the May governing board meeting was currently scheduled to be in-person and suggested moving it to virtual only. The board agreed via consensus that virtual would be ideal. Dennis informed the board no motion would be needed and he would alter the date under his own authority as Executive Director.

Dennis also brought up concern about the KALHD Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) and that either mass gathering limitations could extend into June and compromise the ability to have the event or that the turnout would be poor even if the event is held due to all the work needing to happen in response to COVID-19. Board discussion agreed that the MYM was not practical in June as an in-person event. Discussion revolved around moving the MYM to a later date, hosting a virtual-style MYM with limited programming, or cancelling the MYM entirely.

Lindsay moved to cancel the KALHD 2020 MYM and have Dennis explore virtual options to meet any required activities and workshops. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

COVID-19 discussion

Dennis summarized the latest on upcoming Blue Cross and Blue Shield funding, and a recent Dane Hansen application he submitted to seek additional COVID-19 support for Northwest Kansas local health departments.

Lindsay asked about the state reopening and if the local governments would be tasked to handling it.

Dennis speculated there will be local control on orders but that inconsistencies are concerning. Lougene indicated she thought there would be broad guidelines but a lot of local choice.

Dennis read Emily's question about greenhouses. Lougene confirmed not limited to curbside, no clarification on inside limitations.

Dennis summarized the CARES act versus Coronavirus supplemental, noting the supplemental is what is supplying checks (from KDHE's Preparedness program) to help address COVID-19. Several attendees confirmed receiving what appear to be CARES-related ACH deposits for Medicare services.

Lynnette Redington created their first county guidance and went out for high school graduation.

Jason brought up local health officer training being useful after this pandemic is over. Discussion on ideas ensued.

Dennis discussed supplanting and the need to protect contract funds, recommending any flexible funds be saved and departments prioritize using restricted funds up first where possible.

Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.