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## Executive Director Report June 16, 2020

### Organizational Updates

- **2020 Member Dues**
  - 99 of 100 LHDs have joined
    - KALHD has received payment from all 99
    - Republic is our one non-member

### Project Updates

- **PHEP**
  - The Q4 SFY 2020 advisory meeting was pushed off until June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is because COVID-19 activities have interested KDHE Preparedness in adjusting SFY 2021 workplans (since real-life activities may negate the need to do everything originally planned).
- **KHF Capacity Grant**
  - The grant is finished and I turned in the final report on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - KALHD has \$315 remaining as a project balance (the KanFocus software ended up costing less than advertised) so I am awaiting instructions regarding sending that portion back or if it may be retained.
- **Sunflower Platform Project**
  - Tomorrow (June 17<sup>th</sup>) is a presentation from Jay Hall (Kansas Association of Counties) on how to testify to the Kansas Legislature, which is a part of this project.
  - Template drafts were provided to the KALHD Governing Board in late May. No requested changes were received (I've not heard yet if KAC has received requested changes).
  - Plan is to finalize templates by the end of June and KAC host a webinar in July explaining them.
- **Sunflower COVID-19 Grants**
  - KALHD received its second (and final) funding allotment and disbursed it, so the project is finished (final report already submitted).
  - Highlights:
    - Round 1 grants: \$51,250
    - Round 1.5 grants: \$27,500
    - Round 2 grants: \$21,250
  - KALHD received \$15,000 for administering the grant.
- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas COVID-19 Grants**
  - KALHD has issued \$135,000 in LHD grants through this.
  - KALHD is holding \$50,000 for a possible statewide effort. I hope to know soon how much will not be needed for the statewide purpose (as that amount will go to continue funding LHDs).
  - KALHD is still accepting LHD applications and holding them for potential processing.
  - KALHD received \$15,000 for administering the grant.
- **Blood Lead Shipping Reimbursements**
  - This grant from KDHE was fully consumed on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Final report issued to KDHE.
- Highlights:
  - KALHD paid \$2,737 to LHDs to reimburse blood lead specimen shipping costs
  - KALHD claimed \$23 in postage fees to send those checks (all in 2019)
  - KALHD received \$240 as an administrative fee (in 2019)

## Legislative Updates

- The Kansas Legislature is done for the year.
  - The legislature passed a bill during sine die, HB 2054, but Governor Kelly vetoed it and called them back to hold a special session on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - The special session resulted in the passing of HB 2016 which Governor Kelly signed into law.
- Major legislative highlights
  - HB 2016 is a massive coronavirus response bill with several substantive public health impacts including: new contact tracing requirements, a requirement for LHDs to share COVID-19 information with first responders, no more home rule for certain public health statutes (K.S.A. 65-201 and 65-202), and increased authority for county commissioners over local health officers.
  - The State Formula received its first increase since 1992, increasing \$900,000 and thus moving the total allocation from \$2.2 million to \$3.1 million (an increase of 40%).
    - A proviso, specific to SFY 2021, was added to set the minimum State Formula payment at \$12,000 rather than the statutory \$7,000 (which has also been in place since 1992).
    - KALHD asked for a \$1.9 million increase, so we got 47% of what we asked for.
    - All health departments see an increase of at least 31% from this, with most seeing an increase of 71%.

## Important Dates to Remember

- July 14, 2020: KALHD Board Meeting (virtual, 10:00 am Central start)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director