

Healthy People Build Strong Communities

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Organizational Updates

Listservs

- There was a request for the local health officers and medical advisors to have a listsery to hold discussions (they were using mass mailing lists)
- o I have created such a listsery. Dr. Pezzino is overseeing its start-up and the health officers will self-run it
 - Note that KALHD has, every month, had cost overruns on its listserv system. I plan to
 just budget more in 2021 for it because it is a very useful service and the costs are just
 because of increased need due to COVID.

Audit

- o KALHD's audit field work was conducted the last week of June.
- o The auditors anticipate presenting to the board at our September board meeting.

Project Updates

PHEP

- Major workplan changes were reviewed by the advisory team. Overall, workload was reduced and COVID activities recognized to meet requirements.
- o KALHD has submitted its Q4 SFY 2020 reimbursement request.
- o KALHD has put out its quarterly call for success stories related to PHEP.

• KALHD COVID Supplemental Contract

o KALHD's first reimbursement request was submitted.

Sunflower Platform Project

- o Discussing with KAC about having the webinar on the finalized templates this month.
- KALHD hosted a virtual workshop on how to testify, with KAC presenting, during the MYM to satisfy a requirement of this project.

Legislative Updates

- The State Formula \$900,000 increase was lost.
 - O This wasn't due to the legislature, but rather given the forecast budget shortfall Department of Administration enacted many cuts to enhanced funding.
 - o KALHD will have to ask for the funding again as it no longer is in the base budget. This is very unusual but it is what it is.
 - I have written to the Governor's office complaining about the loss of funding
 - I have written to KDHE about seeing if they will ask the Governor to put the \$900,000 in the SFY 2020 recommended budget the Governor submits (it would give us a leg up

- versus just having me ask again). They will consider it but that process doesn't start until September.
- O Since the allotment changes only impact funding amounts, the \$12,000 minimum proviso remains law. This means the smaller departments will likely see increased State Formula funding whereas medium/large departments will see a cut versus what they received in prior years.

Important Dates to Remember

- No board meeting in August!
- September 22, 2020: KALHD Board Meeting (virtual, 10:00 am Central start)
- --Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director