

**KALHD Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2020**

Board Member Attendees

Lisa Kenworthy (District 3 Representative)  
Arlene Doll (Member at Large)  
Jason Tiller (President)  
Paula Rowden (District 4 Representative)  
Destany Wheeler (District 6 Representative)  
Diedre Serene (District 5 Alternate)  
Paula Bitter (District 2 Representative)  
Rayna Maddox (District 4 Alternate)  
Tammy Von Busch (District 3 Alternate)  
Aften Gardner (President-Elect)  
Lindsay Payer (Past President)  
Dan Partridge (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Lynnette Redington (District 5 Representative)

Non-Board Attendees

Dennis Kriesel (KALHD)  
Tiffany Hayman  
Emily Strange  
Tisha Coleman  
Rita McKoon  
Toni Irvin  
Rhonda Sperber  
Jennifer Cure  
Cindy Mullen  
Vicki Collie-Akers (KU)  
Sara Hodges  
Betha Elliott  
Dana Rickley  
Cristi Cain (KDHE)  
Misti Byers  
Julie Gibbs  
Kasey May  
Ladonna Reinert  
Juliann Van Liew  
Melissa Wachendorfer  
Lori Eichman

Call to order

**Jason called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.**

Board roll call

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

Approval of agenda

**Arlene moved to approve the agenda. Destiny seconded. Motion passed.**

Approval of April 2020 minutes

**Paula Bitter moved to approve the April 2020 minutes. Lindsay seconded. Motion passed.**

Monthly financial report: April 2020

Dan summarized the April 2020 financial report.

**Arlene moved to approve and place on file the April 2020 financials. Aften seconded. Motion passed.**

KDHE updates

Cristi Cain gave the KDHE update. She noted Dennis will talk about the LCC funding request later and Cristi did not have any other new information to share. Cristi stood for questions.

Lynnette Redington asked if the Governor has LHDs represented in reviewing her plans. Cristi stated she doesn't know the Governor's structure for the process and who all is involved, other than Dr. Norman is involved. She offered to find out and follow up.

Local public health innovation project

Dan Partridge introduced the project. He explained the partnership and Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health's work with Dr. Vicki Collie-Akers.

Vicki said this is a new initiative: the Kansas Public Health Practice and Innovation Initiative. It takes lessons learned with the Lawrence-Douglas partnership and expands it to other LHDs. It has three goals: strengthening public health practice in Kansas communities, sparking innovation in public health practice, and implementing strategies aimed to assure the sustainability of public health services that are a foundational part of public health practice. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the start date.

They are looking at involvement in two ways. An advisory board will oversee this initiative and consist primarily of LHDs, and they are looking for advisory board members from KALHD. The other way is to have the LHD be involved in the initiative.

Arlene asked about the quarterly advisory meetings: online versus in-person. Vicki said Zoom would be the goal with possibly one in-person meeting a year. They are striving for geographic spread and online meetings are a way to reduce barriers. Arlene Doll said she would be interested in serving on the advisory board.

Kansas Association of Counties update – if any

No update.

#### Executive Director's Report

Dennis ran through his written executive director's report.

#### COVID-19 discussion

Dennis explained the Dane Hansen foundation grant request that was rejected just before the board meeting. He also walked through the LCC ask and what the process for allocations is as proposed.

Lindsay expressed concern about data not being used regarding the state's response to COVID and that it isn't about disease containment and is overly restrictive. She wondered if others feel similarly. Betha Elliott agreed.

Diedre Serene expressed concern with several exceptions, like allowing dirt track racing but not allowing children recreations.

Jason Tiller noted he feels like the situation has deteriorated from everyone being on the same page to now it has become really complicated because the big picture isn't always applicable to the local level.

Rhonda Sperber noted people are losing faith in public health. Dennis mentioned concerns about the political pressure shifting to the local level and the blame for state decisions falling to the local level. He also noted KALHD is not at the table on the state decision-making.

Emily Strange indicated she would like to see KALHD or another local health representative at the table regarding the Governor's decision-making. Does KDEM have a seat at the table? Dennis noted Cristi Cain said she'd follow up on who is involved.

Destiny stated she agrees with Lindsay's points about being the middlemen on this and that the LHDs are stuck enforcing things they don't even really agree with.

Arlene Doll said she feels like a puppet on a string and don't know who is pulling the string.

Lynnette Redington brought up the dirt track racing change and how it wasn't sent out to the LHDs. Can that not happen in the future? Cristi noted KS-HAN could be used to push out such updates, the challenge is information is all over the place and KDHE is not always aware of the changes either.

Multiple comments in the chat revolved around enforcement, access, information sharing, and public compliance.

Ladonna Reinert asked about vaccinations and brought up the concern regarding how H1N1 was handled. Dennis speculated that KDHE will be open to having the conversation on how the COVID vaccine will roll out but probably not until the vaccine is developed.

#### Adjournment

**Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.**