

**KALHD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020 (Mid-Year Meeting)**

Board Member Attendees

Jason Tiller (President)
Aften Gardner (President-Elect)
Lindsay Payer (Past-President)
Karla Heble (District 1 Representative)
Cheryl Goetz (District 1 Alternate)
Paula Bitter (District 2 Representative)
Tammy Von Busch (District 3 Alternate)
Rayna Maddox (District 4 Alternate)
Lynnette Redington (District 5 Representative)
Destany Wheeler (District 6 Representative)

Non-Board Attendees

Dennis Kriesel (KALHD)
Cristi Cain (KDHE)
Dana Rickley
Jennifer Cure
Rita McKoon
Rebecca Johnson
Diana Parke
Rhonda Sperber
Melissa Wachendorfer
Sara Hodges
Shelby Black-Smith
Vicki Lindsey-Ross
Karen Winkelman
Jamie Downs
Julie Gibbs
Jessica Smith
Virginia Downing
Emily Strange
Nancy Marihugh
Lacey Miller
Leslie Pfannenstiel
Lori Eichman
Aaron Davis

Call to order

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

Board roll call

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

Approval of agenda

Paula Bitter moved to approve the agenda. Lindsay seconded. Motion passed.

Thoughts on the year so far to the membership

Jason gave his thoughts on 2020 so far. He spoke about the unprecedented time for public health and people leaving the profession due to threats, burnout, and retirements. He expressed that relying on peers is more important now than it ever was, especially given so many in local health departments are going through the same things. He thanked the attendees for their hard work and encouraged them to take care.

Explanation of dues formula

Dennis explained that he is not seeking a change in the dues formula and explained its \$510 base rate plus \$0.01 per capita calculation. He noted, per last year's assessment method, the population figures will refresh when the State of Kansas releases its new estimates, which usually happens in early July.

Dennis requested a motion that the board recommend to the membership keeping the existing dues formula.

Destany moved to recommend the existing dues formula to the membership. Karla seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of May 2020 minutes

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

Monthly financial report: May 2020

Dennis summarized the May 2020 financial report.

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

YTD walkthrough of KALHD's budget

Dennis walked through KALHD's budget versus the actual income and expenditures as they stand as of early June 2020.

KDHE updates

Cristi Cain noted tomorrow at 9:30 am is a Legislative Budget Committee hearing. They will hear the LHD COVID-19 funding request and Dennis will attend to answer questions while also attempting to run the MYM workshops virtually.

KDHE has a mobile testing van to for underserved populations. Geary and Sedgwick are scheduled already, those interested can reach out to KDHE.

KDHE is working on a contact tracing solution that integrates into EpiTrax. The first phase is due to be completed in July and the LHD phase for use in contact tracing should be shortly thereafter.

HB 2016 has generated a lot of discussion. KDHE is working on guidance and getting legal opinions related to it. School inspections regarding the home rule changes are a piece of this.

Currently 31 volunteers and 26 KDHE staff are supporting LHDs with contact tracing efforts. There are 101 more volunteers that are ready for activation and they work remotely. LHDs can contact Cristi if interested in accessing them. Also, LHDs should let Cristi know if they have ideas for ways KDHE can better support LHDs.

A county scorecard is coming out and will be distributed to LHDs by Cristi's team every Monday (though one will also come out today and be discussed on Wednesday's LHD webinar).

The Aid-to-Local starts July 1st. All LHDs should have received their award notifications or should receive them soon. Contact Cristi if there are issues.

What would you like to see from KDHE related to addressing racism in the state? KDHE plans to hire a health equity coordinator and would like a discussion with LHDs soon on this.

Cristi noted KDHE received word that someone preferred the Emergency Manager method for webinars, which allow verbal discussions, more than the LHD webinar (where only presenters speak). Cristi would like feedback regarding if that is a widely held belief.

Cristi noted the system for the contact tracing is not named and is just called the Accenture Project. Cristi stated the report card is designed to be internal, not public, for local health departments. Cristi stated an email from the grant manager and from Kevin at KDHE should serve for notification, not just something appearing in KGMS.

Lindsay asked for reconsideration about the report card being made public. Lynnette and Julie expressed agreement that it shouldn't be public, Jason said he just saw it and doesn't think it would make much sense to the public. It appears to be a scorecard just regarding entering data into EpiTrax and Cristi agreed it wouldn't be a public document.

Destiny expressed that she really likes the idea for the LHD webinars to be more like the Emergency Manager webinars because it allows easier clarification of questions.

Kansas Association of Counties update – if any

No update.

Executive Director's Report

Dennis covered information regarding the Kansas Public Health Collaborative. Afterward, Dennis ran through his written executive director's report.

Membership discussion

Lindsay spoke about being tired and that it is concerning if this is the new normal for the next year-plus. She wanted to know if there's a way to convey this, as KALHD. Lindsay pointed out not having a call for a positive case, and if an app or tool can be developed to notify LHDs. Is there a better way? Regional relationships? The status quo is taxing on staff and Lindsay is open to ideas.

Cristi said she'd check and advocate for the Accenture Project to include a notification feature with direct communication. She'll also check re: calling on positives.

Lynnette asked about the school inspections. Discussions from there ranged to compensation for salaried employees working overtime, the politics of COVID-19, how to do school inspections, and other COVID topics.

Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am.