

Executive Director Report September 22, 2020

Organizational Updates

- **Annual Meeting**
 - The KALHD Executive Committee has moved the KALHD annual meeting to November 17, 2020
 - This was done due to KAC's October annual meeting being cancelled as an in-person event
 - October 15, 2020 will now be a regular board meeting instead
- **Budget**
 - KALHD's 2021 budget work is underway. I'd have presented it this month had October stayed as the annual meeting but with the move to November I've got an extra month to try and get more accurate figures.
 - I'm mostly waiting on a finalized COVID contract from KDHE. I assumed I would have that by now but do not yet. I wanted the signed contract before I budgeted it.
- **Sunflower: Local Boards of Health Webinars**
 - Sunflower Foundation contacted me in early September about needs and we discussed the idea of education efforts targeting local boards of health (county commissioners)
 - Sunflower asked for a project proposal to do a series of webinars that relate to-be-determined public health topics to COVID-19 and to target commissioners to educate them
 - I've got the proposal in to Sunflower Foundation already and their board is expected to review it in early October
 - If approved I anticipate an aggressive timeline (work starting in 2020)
 - Project plans to involve KAC, KHI, CEI, and KU

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - Since KAC cancelled its in-person conference, I am preparing a webinar presentation for commissioners about PHEP, with a focus on COVID. It is planned for late October.
- **KALHD ELC Contract**
 - KALHD is awaiting final contract language regarding COVID work supported via ELC. All indications are the contract will be approved; we're just waiting on language.
 - This will run through most of 2022.
- **Sunflower Platform Project**
 - This project is now completed and the final report is turned in
 - Technically, there is one portion of the KAC's side of the project, running links to the templates in their newsletter, that did not happen as planned in September. They committed to doing it in October and I can submit that to Sunflower after-the-fact.

Legislative Updates

- The legislative platform committee is in the process of discussing/reviewing a draft 2021 policy statement
- KDHE indicated they would ask for the Governor to back an increase in the State Formula
 - We do not know yet if the Governor ultimately will, just that KDHE asked her to
 - I drafted the request amount and justification for KDHE to consider
 - Request was an increase of \$2.58 million
 - This factors in inflation on the 1992 per capita value (moving from \$0.88 to \$1.65) and the current Kansas population
 - Reminder that in 2020 an increase of \$900,000 was approved but allotment stripped it from the budget

Important Dates to Remember

- October 15, 2020: KALHD Board Meeting (virtual, 10:00 am Central start)
- November 17, 2020: KALHD **Annual** Meeting (virtual, 10:00 am Central start)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director