

## KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team

### Meeting Minutes

8/31/2020

#### Attendees

Dennis Kriesel

Tamara Wilkerson

Carl Lee

Steve Maheux

Jennifer Hermon

Denise Kelly

Tom Langer

Rebecca Adamson

Dany Rickley (joined 10:36 am)

#### Meeting Start

Dennis called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Recap: SFY 2021 guidance document/workplan changes (including AAR/IP)

Denise walked through the steps that happened for the SFY 2021 workplans. Guidance sent out in July. Modified based off some comments received in review. Incorporated were some suggestions on due-date for activities (September 30<sup>th</sup> close, report on October 15<sup>th</sup>), giving an additional 15 days for the activity itself (October 15<sup>th</sup> close, report on October 15<sup>th</sup>).

Unchanged was AAR/IP due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Regional coordinators must take that information and summarize it and submit on October 15<sup>th</sup> and it was unclear how the coordinators could do that unless the local health departments did the AAR/IP by 9/30.

TEPW (Training & Exercise Planning Workshop) very helpful for the state (due in November) to help with the MYTEP (Multi-Year Training & Exercise Plan) application.

Rebecca said what was confusing was that the AAR/IP was due 9/30 but reporting on 10/15, so when is it actually turned in? On 9/30 or 10/15? Denise indicated it should be done (complete) by 9/30. Jennifer confirmed they need the documents by the 9/30. Rebecca thinks with everything else extended this is probably solved. Denise plans to make it more clear next year and line things up for true quarterly reporting.

Update: KAC Annual Conference change

Dennis discussed the KAC cancelling its annual meeting. He gave three options: no presentation at all, see if KAC would have a webinar for commissioners, or have PHEP at the KALHD annual meeting (now in November).

Denise mentioned feeling the work to reaching out to commissioners still needs to continue but not sure that this would really achieve that and she would be willing to waive the requirement.

Tom mentioned county commissioners have finally had a taste of what local health departments do regarding pandemic response, CARES funding, etc. This has boggled their minds. This is an opportunity that should not be left untaken to remind them. Tom suggested a synopsis or report that highlights what has happened, perhaps a verbal report of sorts. Tom wants to build on this going forward. Talking about continuing the fight and perhaps highlighting things in specific communities.

Carl mentioned some of his health departments have commissioners who are just ready for this to be over and are starting not to listen to public health at all. He mentioned HB 2016 and that some are using that power to not listen to public health, are being confused by what appears in the media, and that this is complicating matters.

Dennis will draft a slideshow presentation on the future of public health and combating COVID for review by the advisory team. A focus on what public health will be doing moving forward and the importance of encouragement (what the new norm may look like). Steve suggested getting the AARs/IPs to help promote what good things have been happening. Dennis will plan to have the draft ready in September and finalized before end of September.

#### Other discussion (if needed)

Dennis mentioned Andrew leaving his regional coordinator spot and that he's looking to a new coordinator to join the group. Denise suggested going with a local health administrator rather than a regional coordinator if none were forthcoming (KDHE has no position on who serves on the team, the split of three health departments and three regional coordinators was a decision from the 2019 KALHD President). Tom suggested focusing on geographic diversity with the appointment.

#### Adjournment

Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.