

**KALHD Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2020**

Board Member Attendees

Jason Tiller (President)
Aften Gardner (President-Elect)
Dan Partridge (Secretary/Treasurer) [arrived at 11:03 am]
Karla Heble (District 1 Representative)
Chery Goetz (District 1 Alternate)
Paula Bitter (District 2 Representative)
Lisa Kenworthy (District 3 Representative)
Rayna Maddox (District 4 Alternate)
Diedre Serene (District 5 Alternate)
Destany Wheeler (District 6 Representative)
Arlene Doll (Member-at-Large)

Non-Board Attendees

Dennis Kriesel (KALHD)
Lacey Miller
Lori Eichman
Rita McKoon
Emily Strange
Cristi Cain (KDHE)
Rhonda Sperber
AAaron Davis (CEI)
Greg Whitman (University of Washington)
Fred Abrahamson (University of Washington)
Melinda Schultz (University of Washington)
Sam Pastor (University of Washington)

Call to order

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

Board roll call

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

Approval of agenda

Arlene moved to approve the agenda. Aften seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of June 2020 minutes

Paula Bitter moved to approve the June 2020 minutes. Arlene seconded. Motion passed.

Monthly financial report: June 2020

Dennis summarized the June 2020 financial report.

Diedre moved to receive and place on file the June 2020 financials. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

KDHE updates

Cristi explained the regional public health meetings are now virtual and are a great opportunity to share concerns and what folks would like to see in the future. A session on PHEP and what it is doing for COVID will be included. Cristi ran through the regional meeting dates.

Grant-writing partnership with HRSA now on August 17th via Zoom. Funders will present information and give tips for success. Cristi indicated she planned to provide the registration link for the minutes [*Note: link was not yet ready and thus is not included in these minutes; plan will be to send the registration out to the KALHD membership when it is ready.*]

PHEP and COVID supplemental FSRs are due tomorrow, July 15th. PHEP funds can be used for COVID response so long as they are within the capabilities.

Tomorrow, July 15th, the LHD webinar is moved from the usual 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm due to a 3:00 pm press conference.

Cristi congratulated KALHD on getting all 100 LHDs as members.

Governor's Public Health Conference in 2021 is being planned for Manhattan. That facility is being expanded to accommodate larger meetings. KDHE owes a count to the facility within a week. If the count is overestimated then the hotel could be owed a lot of money. If the count is short then there won't be an ability to expand to a larger audience as there will be less meeting space provided.

Dennis asked about social distancing at the conference. Cristi said she will check to see what is possible; a hybrid option might also be viable where some portions of the conference are held online.

March 30-April 1, 2021 are the scheduled dates for the Governor's Public Health Conference.

Discussion ensued regarding thoughts on attending the Governor's Public Health Conference and obstacles to achieving it.

Cristi noted that since there was no 2020 Governor's Public Health Conference that funding was available to get t-shirts for all LHD staff across the state. So soon there will be some graphics developed for people to vote on. It's something to show appreciation to the LHDs and all their work.

Cristi asked what would an LHD administrator do if quarantined but there was a cluster at the LHD. Discussion ensued.

ELC and bonus pay was also discussed. Cristi indicated a write-up from KDHE would be provided to help with commissioners. Dennis indicated he would email the Administrator listserv with some bonus calculation suggestions.

PHAST Uniform Chart of Accounts

Greg Whitman ran through a presentation on the uniform chart of accounts, designed to standardize financial data to advance public health practice. He explained the value of understanding public health funding and comparing to outcomes to see what funding priorities should be established. He also explained how the PHAST uniform chart of accounts works.

People interested in participating can contact PHAST at: phast@uw.edu

People can learn more at: <https://coa.phastdata.org>

Dennis asked how many LHDs are participating. Melinda Schultz said about 80 across the country, with two in Kansas.

Greg asked how much flexibility do the LHDs have when it comes to spending money. Jason said there is not much flexibility as most of the grant revenues have defined purposes for use. Greg asked about what percentage of funding is discretionary. Dennis briefly explained the state formula funding. Greg asked about special interest groups. Aften mentioned KALHD's informatics subcommittee as an interest group. Dennis mentioned KALHD, KPHA, and KEHA as other interest groups in the state.

Greg noted cross-walking the data is the bulk of the work. They have a side project to try and make that easier. If anyone is interested in helping with this, which should be a light lift, should get in touch with PHAST.

Kansas Association of Counties update – if any

Nick emailed in an update which Dennis read out. KAC's legislative policy committee is coming back together and the legislative template work done in conjunction with KALHD has been shared. Nick wanted to stress KALHD's need to have robust synergies with KAC's legislative committee. Dennis mentioned needing to establish the Governance and Legislative committees for KALHD and that he would follow up with Jason after the meeting on those steps.

Dennis also noted that KAC is expecting to decide later this month whether their in-person annual conference will happen in October. This has an impact on KALHD's annual meeting. Jason expressed a desire to see what happens with that before KALHD takes steps.

Jason asked about local officials and setting rules related to the pandemic. Dennis provided a political assessment on responsibilities and skepticism that the state government would intervene again with any major measures given the loss of power the Governor saw with HB 2016 and the lack of the Legislature being in session until January, coupled with the political will related to economic impact of drastic measures.

Executive Director's Report

Dennis ran through his written executive director's report.

Dan mentioned KALHD should go for more than just the \$900,000 in the next year. Dennis said this is a good topic of the legislative policy committee, as he agrees more money is warranted but there is also the challenge of the political reality relating to the condition of the State's budget for SFY 2022.

Cristi brought up the LCC and the funding request for LHDs through KDHE and so Dennis explained what happened to that funding effort.

Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:26 am.