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Healthy People Build Strong Communities

Executive Director Report January 19, 2021

Organizational Updates

- **Annual Report**
 - I have filed KALHD's annual report with the Kansas Secretary of State (a nonprofit requirement)
- **QuickBooks Online (QBO)**
 - Per the suggestion of a KALHD member last year, I have transitioned to a nonprofit license for QBO which offered significant savings versus their direct buy.
 - The transition is not flipping a switch but mandates moving the books over. This was not a seamless process but I appear to have everything critical transferred and good to go.
 - As can be noted comparing November 2020 versus December 2020 financials, as KALHD was not actually assigned as a nonprofit in the old system and is now some of the reports and categories have been renamed (from for-profit terminology to nonprofit). This has no impact on the actual numbers.
- **COVID Activities**
 - I have a standing meeting with a Local COVID Support Team every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This group consists of KDHE staff and contractors, along with staff from CPHI and KHI. This is the main venue I share concerns of the LHDs that you all give me directly or I see in the listserv discussions.
 - COVAC (the Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee) was meeting every-other week and has accelerated recently (I presume due to the fallout of Kansas being listed last in vaccinations). Now that the phases are out I believe this committee will weigh in on logistical concerns on vaccine deployment and how to communicate it to the public. If it goes like the phases did then I imagine KDHE will have a plan draft and COVAC will review and opine on it. They consider this meeting closed and I was explicitly told not to share the draft phases with the KALHD membership so I doubt I'll be permitted to circulate any future drafts either. I will do my best to share broad trains of thought to give you all some level of "heads up" if/when we see something substantive.
 - KALHD is continuing to host the summaries of the LHD Webinars and the slides and questions and answers documents related to the Local Partner Update Webinars. These webinars are expected to continue to stand for the time being (I personally don't expect any changes until Phase 5 starts at the earliest).

Project Updates

- **PHEP**

- KALHD has signed a contract amendment with PHEP to fund a HIPAA update and we are just awaiting KDHE's signature to move forward
- The contract will go to PYA to do the work and is already written. I will sign it once I have an executed amendment from KDHE.
- KDHE wanted to move faster than the KALHD MYM so the plan now is a virtual training that will be recorded. We expect that to be conducted in April.
- **KALHD ELC Contract**
 - KALHD did receive the executed ELC contract. It's an amendment to the COVID Supplemental Contract we have, though the reporting is separate.
 - This will run through most of 2022.
- **Sunflower: Commissioner Webinars**
 - All advisory work is finished and the webinars are scheduled. I will share registration links with the KALHD membership once KAC gets that set up. However, the dates and times are set:
 - January 29th (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Central): Public Health Governance and Finance: What Every Commissioner Needs to Know
 - February 5th (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Central): How Local Government Decisions Impact Health
 - February 19th (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Central): Quality of Life Starts with Public Health
 - February 26th (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Central): Partnerships that Support Public Health
- **Sunflower: COVID Grants**
 - Sunflower Foundation is allocating \$185,000 in \$5,000 grant allotments to various Western and/or rural Kansas counties
 - KALHD is administering and receiving \$15,000 for the work
 - Grant deadline is on January 29th and full details and an application is available at: <https://www.kalhd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/LHD-COVID-19-Grant-Request-Form-FINAL.docx>

Legislative Updates

- I obtained my 2021 lobbyist badge. Whether this is required is a bit debatable. While I do not meet the spending or majority-time threshold it could be argued I was appointed to be the primary representative of KALHD to the legislature. Regardless, I think it is important to have and keeps us completely above-board. Cost is minimal given I don't spend money wining and dining legislators (\$65/year).
- I reached out to Representative Carpenter, who introduced our bill on permanently increasing the State Formula minimum payment last year, to file the bill for us in the 2021 session. He did indicate he would but I have not received a bill number yet.
- The Governor's budget released on 1/13/2021. It does not have an increase in the State Formula (it has the same \$2.2 million we've seen since 1992). As such, I will plan to make a request during the budget process like I did in 2020. Note, I do not think our odds are good this year (they expected a surplus last year and this year it's the opposite). Nonetheless we can try.

Important Dates to Remember

- February 16, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- March 16, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- April 20, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- May 18, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- June 15-16, 2021: KALHD Mid-Year Meeting (Hotel at Old Town in Wichita)

- July 20, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- September 21, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- October 18-20, 2021: KAC Annual Conference/KALHD Annual Meeting (Overland Park)
- November 16, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director