
Executive Director Report February 16, 2021

Organizational Updates

- **Mid-Year Meetings 2022+**
 - I emailed Holiday Inn in Salina three times but had no response.
 - Called the hotel on 2/9/2021. They have a new sales rep that is just getting on-boarded. She did pull my emails up and indicated we can have the next three years on the dates I requested (so I asked for those to be locked in), which are as follows:
 - 2022: June 28-29
 - 2023: June 27-28
 - 2024: June 25-26
 - Ultimately I anticipate a confirmation email for those followed by more formal contracting. She has not indicated any notable deviations from their proposal (note their proposal was only for 2022 so we might see some shifts from that but given how soft the event market is right now I doubt we'll see anything significant on our costs).
- **COVID Activities**
 - I have started meeting, usually weekly, with some of the other vaccine-provider related organizations (hospitals, pharmacies, FQHCs) as they've wanted a venue to discuss involvement. KDHE has been invited to participate.
- **2020 Audit**
 - Aften and I have signed the engagement letter for the 2020 audit. Currently the field work is expected to begin late May or early June.

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - The focus has been on getting the SFY 2022 workplans arranged and reviewed by LHDs and regional coordinators (as discussed earlier in the meeting).
- **Sunflower: Commissioner Webinars**
 - Half the webinars are done now, and two remain:
 - 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**
 - We paid out \$185,000 to 37 LHDs on 1/29/2021
 - KALHD has turned in its final report

Legislative Updates

- KDHE's budget hearing was held last week. I gave public comments in-person for a State Formula increase of \$2.6 million.
- HB 2248 has been introduced, which revises K.S.A. 65-242 to increase the minimum for the State Formula in the event it reaches an allocation of \$3 million or higher.

Important Dates to Remember

- 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