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## Executive Director Report

### March 16, 2021

#### Organizational Updates

- **KALHD Membership**
  - As of 3/9/2021 we have seen 92 LHDs fully pay their KALHD dues for 2021.
  - The 8 LHDs still outstanding are as follows: Dickinson, Greenwood, Jefferson, McPherson (partially paid), Morris, Sedgwick, Stanton, and Sumner. None have stated they don't intend to re-join.
- **NACCHO Membership**
  - As of 3/9/2021 we have seen 50 LHDs pay their NACCHO dues through KALHD. Note that some LHDs may have paid NACCHO directly.
  - KALHD will issue payment for received dues to NACCHO in April. Ultimately, KALHD will be compensated a percentage off the collected Kansas NACCHO dues for our work in invoicing and collecting the payments.

#### Project Updates

- **PHEP**
  - The HIPAA project is moving forward. KALHD's PHEP contract was amended to pay for this so we will be reimbursed. Webinars are scheduled for April and we also will see updates to the HIPAA privacy manual as part of this project.
- **Sunflower: Commissioner Webinars**
  - All the webinars are finished now. Final report is not due until May but I expect to complete it in April. We're still waiting for some post-webinar surveys and write-ups to be done but otherwise almost all the substantive work is complete.

#### Legislative Updates

- We are waiting to see what the Legislature does regarding increasing the State Formula funding.
  - The House currently has a position increasing the formula by \$1 million
  - The Senate currently has a position increasing the formula by \$1.5 million and setting the SFY 2022 minimum at \$12,000 (like what was done for SFY 2021)
  - We are waiting to see if the full chambers adopt the committee positions, and if so given they are different where negotiation lands (but we are well positioned to see something positive).
- HB 2248 (which increases the State Formula minimum to \$15,000 if the formula has at least \$3 million assigned to it) sits on House General Orders waiting for a vote to be scheduled. Our bill is blessed so it did not need to clear before turnaround.

- SB 273, a bill that dramatically reduces local authority in pandemic response (including removing the ability for local health officers to issue any orders) is in conference committee with HB 2416 (a bill that, in theory, is on the same topic but devoid of a lot of the public health changes). I've provided a number of listserv updates on these bills. SB 40 will contain the conference committee version. Expect action before the end of this month.
- SB 212 and SB 213, both immunization bills, ended up getting blessed during turnaround. SB 213 already had its hearing and last I heard the chair of the committee doesn't intend to work the bill. SB 212 may get a hearing now that it is blessed.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- 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