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Healthy People Build Strong Communities

Executive Director Report April 20, 2021

Organizational Updates

- **KALHD Membership**
 - All LHDs have joined KALHD for 2021!
- **NACCHO Membership**
 - KALHD issued payment to NACCHO for collected dues of \$19,210.
 - This represents 53 LHDs.
- **Mid-Year Meeting (MYM)**
 - Planning underway.
 - June 16-17 at Hotel at Old Town in Wichita.
 - I hope to have registration open by mid-May.
 - Working on topics now. I think I've got all spots filled except one.
- **Healthy Kansans 2030**
 - I was asked to serve on the steering committee on behalf of KALHD and have agreed to participate. I'll share relevant updates as it moves along.

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - The HIPAA project is moving forward. One of three webinars has happened thus far.
- **Sunflower: Commissioner Webinars**
 - Final report is not due until May. I am still working on this report.

Legislative Updates

- The Legislature's budget for 2021 includes a \$1 million State Formula increase, along with a \$12,000 minimum payment for SFY 2022 via a proviso. I've not yet heard if the Governor will sign this budget but we should know any day now.
- HB 2248 (which increases the State Formula minimum in statute) sits on Senate General Orders waiting for a vote to be scheduled. I do not think it will be voted out this year given the proviso in the budget bill. It will carry over (no progress lost) in 2022.
- SB 40 became law, making changes to some local health officer orders (certain types requiring commission action now) and autonomy to schools and community colleges regarding their operations.

Important Dates to Remember

- 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