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## Executive Director Report

### June 16, 2021

#### Organizational Updates

- **Mid-Year Meeting (MYM)**
  - As of 6/1/2021 we had 63 individuals registered for one or both days.

#### Project Updates

- **Webinars on SB 40 and American Rescue Plan Funding**
  - Sunflower opened this application to KALHD formally on 6/1/2021 and I submitted the documentation same-day.

#### Legislative Updates

- The 2021 session is over. Highlights:
  - \$1 million added to the State Formula funding (should carry over into the future)
  - \$12,000 minimum to the State Formula (just for SFY 2022)
    - Our bill (HB 2248) to permanently increase the minimum ended the session awaiting a full Senate vote. Progress carries over into 2022.
  - SB 40 passed adding new scenarios whereby local health officers require prior approval from county commissioners for certain orders
  - SB 13 passed, eliminating the tax lid on counties (commissions can now raise property taxes without going to a public vote)
  - Efforts to extend the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Privacy Act failed (KDHE still subject to similar provisions via budget proviso but local governments no longer under the act as it expired)
  - Efforts on anti-vaccine bills did not fully advance but live on for next year (namely a bill to mandate school/day care vaccination requirements be in statute not regulation and limiting employers from taking adverse employment actions to employees over vaccination status)

#### Important Dates to Remember

- 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