

Executive Director Report September 21, 2021

Organizational Updates

- **KDHE**
 - I met with Secretary Norman on September 14th. We discussed:
 - What a COVID “end game” might look like
 - Ways/models of disease investigation that would be more sustainable for the public health system
 - LCaP (Local Capacity Project) and what might be done to get that “un-stuck” from the Governor’s Office
 - Secretary Norman has indicated he is open to suggestions on things they can look at changing. In the realm of case investigation, he did express he did not think we could move to syndromic surveillance given the state of cases currently but did express interest in some sort of prioritization of cases versus treating them all as equally important.

Project Updates

- **Immunization Provider Enhancement**
 - Got the fully executed contract back on 9/7/2021 from KDHE
 - Position has been posted to the KALHD website (and linked from the KALHD Facebook page), shared with contacts at KU Med and WSU, and listed at Indeed.com
 - This position will be the one managing/executing the project
 - Three interview requests so far
 - One turned down the interview due to the location
 - Two interviews conducted (9/16) but both turned down during the interview
 - Working with KAC to establish subcontract for their role in outreach to county commissioners/local boards of health
- **Webinars on SB 40 and American Rescue Plan Funding**
 - Planning is underway for the ARPA presentation
 - ARPA presentation at 1:00 pm (Central) On September 24th
 - SB 40 presentation expected to happen shortly thereafter
- **Delta Grant**
 - First quarterly meeting was held August 30th
 - This is an integrated care project mostly impacting community mental health centers and FQHCs, but they are interested in health and racial equity and thus have a public health tie-in
 - I may have requests for some LHD presentations at future meetings, depending on what this project group ends up wanting to learn more about

Legislative Updates

- **No news**

Important Dates to Remember

- October 20, 2021 (9:30-noon Central; in-person): KAC Annual Conference/KALHD Annual Meeting (Overland Park) [note: full conference runs October 18-October 20]
- November 16, 2021: KALHD board meeting (virtual)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director