

KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team

Meeting Minutes

8-5-2021

Attendees

Dennis Kriesel

Renee Lucas

Tom Langer

Nancy Griffith

Denise Kelly

Jennifer Hermon

Steve Maheux

Cindy Mullen (joined 10:31 am)

Meeting Start

Dennis called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

KAC Annual Conference: Determine PHEP topic and presenter(s)

Dennis noted that there will be two public health workshops held at the KAC Annual Conference. The non-PHEP topic is planned for Tuesday, October 19th. The PHEP topic is the same day as the KALHD annual meeting on Wednesday October 20th. Location is the Sheraton Overland Park Convention Center in Johnson County. Precise time not known but the 20th is a half-day event so it will be morning.

Renee said she struggles with social media and how the hands are tied. Tom suggested a don't-kill-the-messenger and turnover aspects; how do we approach commissioners in a respectful way and how can they be respectful to their public health officials and why preparedness is important. Renee noted most commissioners won't consider a mask ordinance, even a modified one; pressure increasing on schools to make the decision for students. Denise suggested resurrecting what Andrew and Carl did, explaining what PHEP is and how it differs from Emergency Management. Jennifer suggested tailoring it to what has happened with COVID. Denise also suggested something regarding counties wanting to do away with the local health department.

Steve noted the CDC and NACCHO are looking at what PHEP 2.0 will look like. It's regarding moving PHEP along with Public Health 3.0. Dennis suggested working that in as a slide at the end. Tom stressed the need for counties of all sizes to be able to walk away from the presentation understanding how this applies to them, getting to the "meat" of importance and relevance to their communities. Renee said we could acknowledge the negatives while focusing on the positives and showing real-life examples. Denise said she thought presentation from 2019 should be sent out to be looked over and we need a couple volunteers to update. Then share the slides back with everyone. Denise said KDHE portion Jennifer Hermon can present as well. Presenters will be Jennifer, Steve, and Renee are the presenters.

Recap of PHEP topic for KALHD MYM (Lacey Kennett's Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication topic)

Dennis noted that Lacey's PHEP presentation was extremely well received, with post-event evaluations indicating it was the highest-, or tied for highest-, rated presentation of the entire event. Her strongly agree + agree percentage out of total respondents, discounting any from the total that said they did not attend the session, were as follows:

The information presented was well organized, informative, and beneficial: 94.74%

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging: 97.37%

I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making: 97.37%

This topic is relevant to my organization's current interests/needs: 100%

Given the popularity of this session Dennis suggested considering having Lacey to present on another communication topic that ties to PHEP at the 2022 Mid-Year Meeting.

Adjournment

Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.