

**KALHD Board of Directors
And KALHD Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021**

Board Member Attendees

Aften Gardner, President
Shalei Shea, President-Elect
Jason Tiller, Past-President
Dan Partridge, KAC Rep & Secretary/Treasurer
Karla Heble, District 1
Paula Bitter, District 2
Dr. Sanmi Areola, District 3 (alternate)
Lynette Redington, District 5
Betha Elliott, District 6

Non-Board Attendees

Charlie Hunt, Johnson County
Sierra Behrens, McPherson County
Sara Hodges, Ottawa County
Karen Winkelman, Barton County
Kristina Romine, Brown, Atchison, Jackson County
Bobbi Koerperich, Decatur County
Julie Gibbs, Riley County
Mary Clark, Rawlins County
Rita McKoon, Miami County
Christena Beer, Miami County
Teresa K Starr, Neosho County
Kandy Powell, Ellis County
Brie Greeson, Seward County
Kara Nichols, Reno County

KALHD Staff

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director
Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director

Call to order

Aften called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

Board roll call

Dennis ran through a roll call present board members. He confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of agenda

Dropped KDHE update to absence of KDHE

Aften was corrected from President-Elect to President

Betha moved to approve the agenda. Karla seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of September 2021 minutes

Lynette moved to approve the September 2021 minutes. Dan seconded. Motion passed.

Monthly financial report: September 2021

Dan walked through the September 2021 financial report.

Dan moved to receive and place on file the September 2021 financial report. Karla seconded. Motion passed.

KDHE updates – removed from the agenda

KAC update – if any

Dan thanked everyone for coming to the conference. Discussed funding and advocating for lobbying for additional funding. Charlie Hunt (JOCO) discussed urban funding from ARPA. There was a call for LHDs to step up and advocate for that funding to go to health departments. A formal process for the funding is also needed. There needs to be more health department representation in the conversation around ARPA funding. Additionally, there was an idea of doing a joint letter from KAC and KALHD to the governor's office.

2022 KALHD Budget approval

Dennis presented the 2022 budget.

Paula B moved to adopt the 2022 KALHD budget. Aften seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of 2022 KALHD Board of Directors meeting schedule

Dennis outlined the 2022 meeting schedule he was proposing. All board meetings would be virtual and on the third Tuesday of the month from 10 am until noon Central, except for the mid-year meeting and the annual meeting which would be in-person in Salina and Overland Park respectively. Those times would not be known until the schedules are developed but are expected to happen on June 29th for the mid-year and October 19th for the annual. No meetings are proposed for August or December.

Sanmi moved to adopt the 2022 KALHD Board of Directors meeting schedule as proposed. Karla seconded. Motion passed.

Assistant Director's Report

Shelby Ostrom introduced herself and spoke a bit about what she would be doing related to KALHD's immunization project.

Executive Director's Report

Dennis ran through his written executive director's report.

Member vote: KALHD 2022 legislative policy statement

Dennis summarized the proposed policy statement. The idea was presented to add the racial equity into the social determinants of health. New sentence was added to the social determinants of health to include racial equity. An attendee asked if the policy statement needed adjusting to cover if legislation is introduced in realm of vaccine mandates, but it was determined the existing statement is open-ended to allow KALHD to cover any concerns on mandates or other vaccine topics should they arise during the legislative session should the KALHD board deem them worth supporting or opposing through the lens of the existing language.

Motion to amend the Social Determinants of Health policy to add "this includes racial equity" as the final sentence was moved by Brie. Paula B seconded the motion. Brie moved to adopt the 2022 legislative policy statement as amended.

Dr. Areola mentioned after the vote that next year, we will need to make racial equity our own policy priority.

Member vote: KALHD 2022 Board of Directors election

Dennis summarized the proposed slate of board members from the Governance Committee.

Lynette moved to elect the proposed slate of board members as proposed by the Governance Committee. Dan seconded. Motion passed.

Open discussion

The group present had an open discussion on issues effecting health departments. The health department representatives feel that communication from KDHE has been difficult, especially with the exclusion of health departments on the thrice-weekly support calls. To solve this problem, the group proposed to create a state liaison governance ad-hoc committee to establish recommendations for the board approve about adding local health departments to the weekly support calls. The bylaws would allow for the President to create this committee. The idea was also shared to do a letter instead. The group discussed doing a phased approach to this problem.

Phase #1: Send a letter asking for small, medium, and large health department representative to be present on the calls. KALHD will decide who the health departments will be, including a KALHD staff member. The President will appoint people to serve on this team.

Phase #2: Add this ad-hoc committee into the bylaws and make it a standing committee at the mid-year meeting in 2022.

The Executive Director will be tasked with drafting a letter to the COVID-19 local support team to ask for small, medium, and large health department representation on the committee. Dennis will mention the ad-hoc committee for state liaison governance and those who've been appointed to serve.

The Executive Director will be tasked with writing a letter to ask for more local engagement in KDHE. Aften asked for a motion, Lynette approved the motion, Paula B. seconded in the motion. Motion was approved.

Adjournment

Aften adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Submitted by Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director