

**KALHD Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

Board Members

Aften Gardner, President
Jason Tiller, Past-President
Dan Partridge, Treasurer
Jennifer Cure (Joined at 10:13 a.m.)
Paula Bitter, District 2
Tammy Von Busch, District 3
Dr. Samni Aerola, District 3 Alternate
Lynnette Redington, District 5
Betha Elliott, District 6
Arline Doll, Member at Large
Adriane Byrne, Member at Large
Karla Heble, District 1

Non-Board Members

Leslie Campbell
Shelly Schneider
Bobbi Koeperich
Brie Greeson
Charlie Hunt
Christena Beer
Dennille Borell
Diana Parke
Jennifer Cure
Rita McKoon
Sandra Bullock
Rita McKoon
Sara Hodges
Leslie Campbell
Shelly Schneider
Christi Cain
Angie Kahle
AARon Davis

Staff

Dennis Kriesel
Shelby Ostrom

Call to order

After called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Board roll call

Dennis ran through a roll call of present board members. Confirmed a quorum was present

Approval of agenda

Dennis requested a change to the agenda. Move bullet 6 to bullet 8 and vice versa. **Betha moved to approve the agenda and Paula seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

Approval of October 2021 minutes

Dennis presented the October 2021 minutes. **Paula motioned to approve the minutes. Dan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

Monthly financial report: October 2021

Dan gave a financial report from October 2021. KALHD is in a good place. **Dan motioned to approve the financial report. Lynette seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

KDHE Updates

Christi Cain from KDHE gave an update.

Health Department Turnover

Discussed the turnover rate of health department administrators during COVID-19 pandemic. There have been 56 individuals who have left. The group had a discussion on the turnover rate.

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Order Rates

KDHE also shared the rate of pediatric COVID-19 vaccine orders; KDHE would like to increase orders and engagement on the vaccine and called on the LHDs to provide feedback. A discussion was had that LHDs don't have much interest in the vaccine.

Workforce Assessment Survey

On the workforce assessment, there have been 892 responses from LHDs and KDHE is happy with the results.

Training Systems

KDHE asked for volunteers for an users' group for KGMS (Grant Management System) at KDHE. You can email Christi if you are interested in volunteering and giving feedback. Dennis mentioned that the informatics group will be meeting next Tuesday, and a call will also be put there.

Regional Public Health Nurses

KDHE is conducting interviews for regional public health nurses the next couple of weeks.

Fireside Chats

In addition, KDHE asked for feedback about the fireside chats with LHDs. A discussion was had about them. Overall, feedback was good.

State COVID-19 Testing Sites

There has been changes to COVID-19 testing. The sites that are state supported will be transferring to a different system. A discussion was had about testing and the system changes.

CPHI Updates

Aaron gave an update from WSU CPHI and some of their projects coming up in January 2022.

Public Health Aspire Series – will launch January 2022

Public Health Leadership Series – March – June 2022 (hopefully in person, registration coming)

Trauma Informed Systems of Care

Kansas Public Health Collaborative – www.kphcollaborative.org

Aaron also gave an update on the informatics subcommittee with KALHD. This is a resource for LHDs, KALHD, and KDHE to have discussion about data and workforce development. The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 23. If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Aaron or Dennis.

COVID-19 Contract Tracer Regulation

Dennis gave an update on the COVID-19 contact tracer regulation changes. KDHE is hosting public forums to discuss the changes. The legislature is discussing the privacy of the contract tracing and extending the regulation. Dennis asked the group if they wanted to submit a public comment for the hearing. Discussion was had and the group suggested Dennis, the executive director to submit a public comment to the hearing. In addition, there was discussion to also add an addendum on not asking for contact information for those exposed. Dennis noted his intention to ask Kansas Association of Counties to also comment along the lines KALHD is requesting.

Jason moved for KALHD Executive Director Dennis Kriesel to submit public comment on KDHE's COVID-19 contact tracer regulations, requesting local health officer requirements to be dropped and for additional contacts obtained from a contact to include relevant contact information beyond just the additional contact's name. Paula seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Assistant Director Report

Shelby gave an update on the KIP grant from KDHE. Good response to the listserv and resources page. KALHD also has a subcontract with KAC to work on additional training.

There was a call for ad hoc committee member volunteers to assist with the planning of upcoming immunizations trainings at mid-year and annual meeting. If you are interested, please let Shelby know. She will also send an email to the listserv.

Executive Director Report

Local Support Team

Dennis gave an update on projects KALHD is working on. The letter to Secretary Norman about the local COVID-19 support team was received very well and LHDs have been added to the support team. Dennis also gave an update for steady state for COVID-19 and that is ramping up. LHDs are hopefully going to be increasing their involvement with KDHE.

Steady State

COVID-19 will move to a steady state epidemic model for KDHE. Anticipate that it will start in the next month or so. There will be 6 health departments who will be on the committee. KALHD can suggest who they want to be involved on the committee. Dennis called on health departments in the chat to volunteer for the workgroup.

Steady State Volunteers

Kaylee Hervey (SCHD) to be part of this group
Betha Elliott (Cherokee County)
Leslie Campbell - Pottawatomie County
Karla Nichols (Reno - medium)
Paula Bitter
Sanmi Areola, Large. Will love to participate
Christena Beer (Miami County)
Jason Tiller Saline Co Medium (volunteer if no one else)

Webinar on SB 40 – sometime in December

Legislative Update

Dennis also gave a legislative update. There has been a lot of off-season activity about COVID-19 mandates. KALHD stayed neutral on most of the discussion. There will be a special session on November 22.

Open Discussion

Aften opened the meeting to open discussion. Dennis mentioned a survey for COVID-19 testing and billing. It is in the administrator listserv. A discussion was had about contract tracing as well. There is discussion of a new process of routing all cases directly to KDHE. A discussion was had on EMS and contract tracing. Aften suggested having a training on the system.

The group also thanked all the board members for 2021.

Adjournment

After adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.