
Executive Director Report February 15, 2022

Organizational Updates

- **Steady State**
 - On February 3rd Ashley Goss, Deputy Secretary for Public Health at KDHE, informed me that the meeting with the LHD Steady State team would be happening soon
 - I reached out to the six Steady State team members to inform them a Zoom meeting would be scheduled soon
- **Medicaid**
 - We've recruited a slate of new LHD members to fill blanks on the advisory team (thanks to all the volunteers we had!)
 - KDHE has placed me on a KanCare stakeholder team. It meets monthly. I am hoping this may give us a mechanism to weigh in on the RFP process so let me know if there are items of interest regarding that.
- **Crisis Standards of Care**
 - KDHE asked me to serve on a technical advisory panel that is developing guidelines for the fair allocation of scarce resources during emergencies (this will result in an updated Crisis Standards of Care plan)
 - We're meeting five times (through June 2022)
 - If you have thoughts on this let me know. They expressed particular interest in perspectives from central and western Kansas, so I assume they may be weak on team members from those areas
- **New Bank Account**
 - With membership dues coming in KALHD passed the FDIC insurance threshold (\$250,000) for protecting our funds at INTRUST Bank
 - A savings account was opened with Bank of America and \$100,000 transferred over to the new account. FDIC insurance is per institution so this resolves the concern

Project Updates

- **PHEP**
 - Advisory team met February 2nd to review the 2022-2023 PHEP work plans
 - A review of the revised work plans was held online for all interested LHDs and regional coordinators on February 7th
 - Concurrence letter discussed earlier in this meeting

Legislative Updates

- On February 3rd I presented in-person to the Senate Human Services Subcommittee on our \$1.6 million requested increase for the State Formula
 - Subcommittee ended up adding \$800,000 to the State Formula in their recommendation on February 7th. That goes before the full Senate Ways and Means Committee for their consideration.
- On February 8th I presented online to the House Social Services Budget Committee on our \$1.6 million requested increase for the State Formula.
 - Committee ended up adding \$800,000 to the State Formula in their recommendation on February 9th. That goes before the House Appropriations Committee for their consideration.

Important Dates to Remember

- March 15, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- April 19, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- May 17, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- June 27-29, 2022: Data Day (6/27) and KALHD Mid-Year Meeting (6-28/6-29) (all at Holiday Inn in Salina)
- July 19, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- September 20, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)
- October 17-19, 2022: KAC Annual Conference/KALHD Annual Meeting (Overland Park)
- November 15, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director