

Assistant Director Report March 15, 2022

KIP Project Updates

1. White Paper Released Yesterday

KALHD's white paper on vaccine hesitancy was released yesterday on the link only webpage for local health departments. Overall, the white paper was a success and we have had a lot of great feedback on vaccine hesitancy from health departments and partner organizations. Check out the paper when you get a chance.

2. Updated Vaccine Resource Pages

I've updated both the external and internal vaccine resource pages for LHDs. The external page will have resources for everyone including items that can be found on other websites. The internal page includes a catalog of weekly updates and vaccine preventable disease of the week documents.

External Page: <https://www.kalhd.org/resources/vaccination-resources/>

Internal Page: <https://www.kalhd.org/vaccination-resources-for-health-departments/>

3. White Paper Resource Guide

I will be working on an accompanying resource guide for the white paper. This guide will be updated yearly and include resources to accompany the recommendations for the white paper. I am hopeful to have this published by the end of the month.

4. Mid-Year Meeting Session

Planning has completed for the immunization session during the mid-year meeting. The immunization session will be on the first full day of the conference and include a presentation from Jamie Gabel and Andrea May, both from KDHE. They will present on combatting vaccine misinformation through data.

5. Social Media Guide

I am working with IKC to develop a social media vaccine hesitancy guide for LHDs to be released at the mid-year meeting. This will be similar to the resources IKC has available, but will be branded for LHDs. More information to come soon.

6. Kansas Association of Counties Updates

I am working with KAC on their KCCA conference coming up in April. They are hopeful to have a general session on history of vaccines and a panel on misinformation. Also, I will be presenting the white paper during their communicators meeting this month and publishing a story in the County Comment. You can also check out Aften's interview with KAC here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ej4qvaw-Lo8>

7. Partnership with Kansas Academy of Pediatrics

KALHD has been invited to participate in KAAP's HPV and Influenza workgroup to increase vaccination rates in the state. We will be helping promote information regarding both vaccinations. More information on the partnership to come soon.

Other Project Updates

1. Records & Due Dates Spreadsheet

Working with Cortney in Mitchell County to create a records spreadsheet that will encompass all record keeping due dates and destroy dates. I am also working on a due dates spreadsheet. These will hopefully be available by the end of the month.

Upcoming Dates/Events

National Public Health Week, April 4-10, 2022

KAAP Vaccine Misinformation Webinar with Karen Ernst, TBD/April 21st

World Immunization Week, Last Week of April