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Executive Director Report
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Organizational Updates

- **Steady State**
  - First Steady State team meeting happened February 14th
  - Follow-up questions were compiled and sent to KDHE
  - Another meeting was held March 14th
- **Medicaid**
  - I attended the first KanCare stakeholder meeting KALHD was invited to on February 22nd
  - We had a brief conversation of z-codes and if there might be ways to incentivize their use and get the depopulated data to public health to help with health improvement plans
- **Crisis Standards of Care**
  - Met again on March 10th, this time a smaller group (I'm on the Technical Advisory Panel)
- **Mid-Year Meeting**
  - Shelby and I have started the preliminary schedule planning for our 2022 MYM. Shelby has already got the immunization topic squared away. We have ideas for the other topics from last year's MYM evaluations.
  - My hope/plan is to open registrations in May (ideally at the start of May). And for food count reasons we'll probably close them sometime first half of June.
    - Expect Data Day registration to be a part of the KALHD MYM registration (I've already volunteered to handle that for CPHI)
  - We've had three entities contact us to sponsor the event: K-State MPH as a Supporting Sponsor, Aetna as a Presenting Sponsor, and United Healthcare as a Presenting Sponsor. United has already paid, the other two have been invoiced.
    - This puts us well above the budgeted sponsor dollars for 2022
  - Last year there was a lot of demand for educational credit. I did explore what the Kansas State Board of Nursing required for a single-offering CNE credit application (the most popular form of credit for our members) but doing it that way requires a nursing consultant (since Shelby and I, the program coordinators, aren't nurses)
    - As such, I will plan to have a selectable option in the registration to know who wants a certificate of completion, which will let attendees submit for Individual Offering Approval (IOA). We did this in 2021 and I did not have anyone say they didn't get credit. So, this should work fine though it does require more effort on the attendees. We'll keep the agenda formatted as before also to comply with IOA needs.
    - I do not know yet if this will work with Data Day (the pre-conference). If WSU ends up going general sessions for everything then a simple sign-in sheet is easy enough to confirm attendance but if there are breakouts then it becomes more complicated and we'd

likely need to defer to WSU to offer a solution (or just not allocate credit for that event; it would be their choice as technically that is their event).

Project Updates

- **Delta Grant**
  - February 28th was another statewide workgroup meeting for the Delta Grant we are participating with (a project mostly around aligning mental health centers with FQHCs)
    - We did discuss z-codes as a strategy to work on health equity, and I'll have some follow-up work to do for the team regarding this
    - They expressed high interest on if we can get incentives in place to see more z-code use, and if potential pilot projects are available
  - There may be a desire to get more LHD feedback on some of this and I've suggested to the core team that the April KALHD board meeting could be a good venue, so FYI on that

Legislative Updates

- Budget process is still marching along with both chambers currently aligned with an $800,000 increase in the State Formula
- After Turnaround we saw a lot more action on anti-public health bills
- I'd refer board members to the legislative updates I provide on the Administrator listserv for bill specifics and actions KALHD has taken around those

Important Dates to Remember

- 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