
Executive Director Report

April 19, 2022

Organizational Updates

- **Steady State**
 - KDHE announced “steady state” going live at the GPHC on 3/31.
 - Surge plan is being developed for instances where high caseloads may require alterations to the endemic approach.
- **Mid-Year Meeting**
 - The main agenda schedule is set.
 - Directly offering CNEs requires a lot of policies/procedures. I’ve drafted these and am having Shelly Schneider with KDHE review (she’s volunteered to be our nurse consultant) so we hope to offer those directly for the MYM; it’s a lot of work.
- **2022 Dues**
 - All but one LHD has paid, and the pending LHD has indicated payment is being issued (we just haven’t received it).
- **Seldom-Used Listservs**
 - KALHD maintains several listservs, both for the membership and broader public health purposes
 - There are two lists I’d like the board to consider authorizing for deletion, as they’ve not seen any posts for over two years:
 - Our list for childcare licensing staff. The last post was February 2020. This list currently has 18 subscribers.
 - Our list for WIC program discussion. The last post was also February 2020. This list currently has 114 subscribers.

Project Updates

- **LCaP**
 - For those that don’t remember, the Local Capacity Project (LCaP), primarily funded via ELC, has been on hold from the Governor’s office. This project as its own thing is dead now but there are pieces that have moved on outside of LCaP or will be. Here are the regional positions discussed via LCaP had and what has happened related to them:
 - Epidemiologists: Regional Epis have been acquired, just outside of LCaP.
 - Communications: Regional Communications is not happening. KDHE instead has offered up a third-party provider who LHDs can contact for drafting of social media, press releases, etc.
 - Innovations (Data and Systems Management): Nothing moving forward yet. KDHE is struggling to see how this differs from Epi work or finds some of the outlined deliverables outside the scope of what the other deliverables are (i.e., too hard to find someone who could do all the items).

- Public Health Nursing: Regional nurses have moved forward outside of LCaP.
- Health Equity Champions: This will happen outside LCaP... expect to see something after May, but on hold for now.

Legislative Updates

- \$800,000 increase in the State Formula did survive in the Legislature's budget. It was sent to the Governor on April 11th and is awaiting her signature.
- When the legislature returns for the veto session it is possible they may try and move anti-public health language forward. The main question is how long they will stay in town. If the school budget and/or the redistricting maps keep them hanging around those not involved on those discussions may engage in other activities contrary to our interests.

Important Dates to Remember

- 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