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Healthy People Build Strong Communities

## Executive Director Report September 20, 2022

### Organizational Updates

- Annual Meeting
  - KALHD's annual meeting is in-person only during the KAC Annual Conference on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in Overland Park (9:30 am-noon Central).
  - I've shared on the listservs the registration link and the coupon code you can use to either attend the full conference at no cost or just the affiliate/associate Wednesday at no cost. If anyone needs it just contact me directly ([dennis.kriesel@kalhd.org](mailto:dennis.kriesel@kalhd.org))
  - Tuesday (10/18) does have a vaccine presentation oriented to policymakers, and Wednesday (10/19) before our annual meeting is a PHEP presentation, for those of you curious about the public health specific programming.
- Governance Committee
  - Bylaws mandates exactly three members of this committee. Jason Tiller has appointed the Executive Committee as this committee (so it is Jason, Aften Gardner, and Julie Gibbs).
  - After asking for nominations from the existing representatives (per the bylaws), I also asked the Administrator listserv for nominations.
  - Those interested have been sent on to the Governance Committee. They are tasked with creating a slate of officers for membership consideration.
  - The membership will vote on the new board members at the KALHD annual meeting
- KALHD Budget
  - I'll present on and ask the board to approve the budget at the October annual meeting (note: this is a board vote not a membership vote, but it is a good time to let the membership know where things stand).
  - I'm just hoping for a few more updated figures to come in before then. I do not expect we'll know the impact of the workforce development grant on KALHD in time to include in the budget (where we provided a letter of commitment to do some fiscal agent work) but even without that I am currently projecting to see revenue exceed expenses.
  - Here is a 9/6/2022 snapshot of where the budget stands:

### **\*DRAFT 9/6/2022\* 2023 KALHD Budget: Income Versus Expenditures**

Program	Income	Expenses	Carry-Over Cash	Difference
General Fund	\$113,167	\$97,707		\$15,460
PHEP SFY2022	\$42,000	\$28,000		\$14,000
PHEP SFY2023	\$14,000	\$28,000		-\$14,000
KIP Immunization Project	\$147,638	\$147,638		\$0
LHO Retreat	\$0	\$3,437	\$3,437	\$0
Events Management	\$0	\$1,777	\$1,777	\$0
	<b>\$316,805</b>	<b>\$306,559</b>	<b>\$5,214</b>	<b>\$15,460</b>

## Project Updates

- Delta Grant/Z Codes
  - As part of the Delta Grant project I participate on with the FQHCs and mental health centers, I have been working more and more on a Z code proposal.
  - The current plan is to try and create a reimbursement ask for KanCare to start funding some SDoH Z codes if submitted via billing.
    - This would allow providers to help clients who identify such codes as there is a financial incentive to collect them, including for LHDs
    - This would also allow public health to have quantitative data on the prevalence of these codes to allow upstream SDoH interventions backed by data
  - Right now I'm in the stage where the various provider groups (FQHCs, mental health, and hospitals) are asked to note which codes they think would be most helpful. We are focused on 23 codes that are shared on DSM-5 and PRAPARE, which are screening tools already widely used in Kansas. I've got a crosswalk of those included in the board packet.
    - If you have thoughts on codes you think would be good you can always share them with me ([dennis.kriesel@kalhd.org](mailto:dennis.kriesel@kalhd.org)) but I've been approaching the LHD angle from a perspective that anything would be useful to us upstream and thus I've focused more on what other providers, who bill a lot more, want to get them supporting this request.
- MCH Community Based Grant Workgroup
  - KDHE's MCH program has decided to move forward with a Work Group
  - KALHD President Jason Tiller appointed six LHD representatives to serve on the work group (one from each region)
  - First meeting is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Note that KDHE MCH Director Heather Smith has informed me she is leaving KDHE on October 7<sup>th</sup> but her team will continue on with the meetings after she departs (she'll be at the first meeting)

## Legislative Updates

- Legislature not in session
- KALHD President Jason Tiller (Saline) appointed himself, Aften Gardner (Wallace), and Julie Gibbs (Riley) as the legislative policy committee.
  - The committee came up with several proposed changes to the policy statement and also solicited feedback from me on changes I felt would make sense.
  - The draft policy statement is included in the board packet. Track changes is active so you can see all the specific modifications compared to the 2022 finalized document.
  - The KALHD membership at the annual meeting will vote to adopt the legislative policy statement.

## Important Dates to Remember

- October 17-19, 2022: KAC Annual Conference/KALHD Annual Meeting (Overland Park)
  - **Annual meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am until noon (Central)**
- November 15, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director