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## Executive Director Report October 19, 2022

### Organizational Updates

- Assistant Director's Anniversary
  - This month is Shelby's one-year anniversary with KALHD

### Project Updates

- Delta Grant/Z Codes
  - The Statewide Delta Grant Workgroup met on September 27<sup>th</sup> and I updated them on my Z Code efforts. No one objected to the ongoing strategy of coalition building with other health-oriented groups to come up with a reimbursement proposal for KanCare on select codes.
  - I had a discussion with WSU on October 5<sup>th</sup> regarding getting some cost projections assembled on Z Codes once we know which ones the groups would like to focus on initially.
- PHEP
  - KDHE mentioned they are looking into CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) training in 2023. They believe working it as a pre-conference before the GPHC isn't viable (too many other topics) and so reached out to discuss tying it around the KALHD MYM. No details yet but just FYI there might be something that develops.

### Legislative Updates

- Legislature not in session
- On October 5<sup>th</sup> I had a discussion with the Mid America Regional Council about sewersheds and needle exchange.
- On October 5<sup>th</sup> I had a discussion with Wyandotte County about their public health priorities.

### Important Dates to Remember

- November 15, 2022: KALHD board meeting (virtual) [**last meeting of the 2022 KALHD board!**]

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director