Executive Director Report
November 15, 2022

Organizational Updates

- CHR&R (County Health Rankings and Roadmaps)
  - I agreed to participate with KHI on a CHR&R project they are engaged with (called the Health Equity Narrative Infrastructure Project)
  - This has already started. I believe my estimated time commitment is 12 hours
  - KALHD will be compensated $500 for our involvement
- Workforce Retreat
  - I've put out a call for volunteers to the Administrator listserv
  - Current plan is for a two-day retreat in Topeka (January 26-27) with KDHE to work in workforce development grant logistics related to the LHDs

Project Updates

- Delta Grant/Z Codes
  - I've heard back initially from all the groups and have started work on the presentation
  - WSU is assisting in seeing what reimbursement rates look like for the likely codes we'll move forward with in other counties
- KIP
  - The financial report for October noted we've seen lengthy delay on our immunization payments
  - We did, as of November 7th, receive our July and August reimbursements

Legislative Updates

- Legislature not in session
- Now that the election is over this is a great time to start reaching out to the Representative(s) and Senator(s) who represent your county
  - Invite them to take a tour of the LHD. This can be a great opportunity to explain what you really do in public health and can help build a favorable relationship where if you ask them for help on things they will be inclined to know who you are and thus listen to you.
- I have already drafted the language request to adjust the State Formula minimum payments to a base + population model and plan to send it to a legislator in December for introduction

Important Dates to Remember

- January 17, 2023: First KALHD board meeting of 2023 (with the newly elected board) (virtual)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director