
Executive Director Report January 17, 2023

Organizational Updates

- Annual Report
 - I filed our nonprofit annual report with the Kansas Secretary of State on January 3rd.
- Website Calendar
 - The KALHD website calendar has been removed. A recent update “broke” the main page which uses a very old template.
 - Probably doesn’t impact much but I did list all the board meeting dates and holidays on the calendar.
 - KDHE’s local public health calendar is available at:
<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=27>
- Mid-Year Meeting
 - I’ve signed official contracts with the Holiday Inn in Salina for the next couple of years as we intended. There is a new sales director.
 - Menu pricing has changed and I expect beverage service to cost significantly more this year as the coffee costs are now the more standard per gallon charge rather than a flat beverage rate per person.
- Lougene Marsh Scholarship Fund
 - Per the 2023 KALHD budget I have submitted a \$500 donation to the Kansas Public Health Association’s Lougene Marsh Scholarship Fund

Project Updates

- Delta Grant/Z Codes
 - Z Code presentation is very close to being draft complete. I will see if the various organizational partners are on board with it once it is, and then the next step is to see about getting a presentation arranged with Director Fertig.
- New Commissioners Orientation
 - I presented about local health departments and public health to county commissioners that attended KAC’s new commissioners’ orientation on January 12th

Legislative Updates

- Legislature started the 2023 session on January 9th
- I have already drafted my State Formula request language, using the survey local health departments were given in December to show what planned uses the increase would fund
 - My ask will be \$1.4 million more to the State Formula

- I will also ask they continue the \$12,000 minimum proviso
- The chair of House Social Services Budget is no longer Will Carpenter, who introduced twice for us a bill to change the State Formula minimum. Rep. Carpenter told me to go through the new chair for this year (Rep. Les Mason).
- We've already seen two anti-public health bills pre-filed for this session.
 - SB 6 is the most concerning, as it is a sort of "greatest hits" list to strip authority from local health officers and the Secretary of KDHE
 - HB 2007 is a retread of a bill from last year that prohibits any COVID-19 vaccine requirements for kids in childcare or attending school
 - My legislative update (sent out Friday) has a lot more information on all this

Important Dates to Remember

- Board Meeting: February 21, 2023 (virtual)
- Board Meeting: March 21, 2023 (virtual)
- Governor's Public Health Conference: March 28-30, 2023 (in-person)
- Board Meeting: April 18, 2023 (virtual)
- Board Meeting: May 16, 2023 (virtual)
- Mid-Year Meeting: June 27-28, 2023 (board/member meeting on June 28th) (in-person)
- Board Meeting: July 18, 2023 (virtual)
- Board Meeting: September 19, 2023 (virtual)
- Board Meeting: October 17, 2023 (virtual)
- KAC Annual Conference: December 5-7, 2023 (board/member meeting on December 7th) (in-person)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director