

Executive Director Report February 21, 2023

Organizational Updates

• Workforce Development Retreat

Healthy People Build Strong Communities

- I participated, along with several LHD administrators, in a two-day retreat relating to the workforce development grant from CDC
- LHDs are looking at a \$10.6 million allocation to be spent over five years, with total awards ranging from \$55,000 to \$700,000
- Plan is applications to open in July, close mid-August, with payments by December 1st
- Over the coming months there will be education offerings on concepts the money can be used for that the retreat identified as good focus areas for those wanting to focus in on transformative change with the money
- \circ $\;$ There will also be a session at the KALHD MYM about this grant (June 27th) $\;$
- Local Government Day
 - January 25 was local government day (an event hosted by KAC and LKM); Shelby and I attended
 - There were some presentations by legislators but public health was not stressed as an area of broad concern for the legislature (though they did touch upon water issues which does tie to public health on the environmental side)
- County Day at the Capitol
 - KALHD participated in County Day at the Capitol on February 9th (this is an event organized by KAC)
 - Shelby and I did have discussions about local health departments with several legislators, but most do not serve on committees that are particularly relevant to us
- Credit Card Fraud
 - Bank of America alerted me to suspicious activity on my KALHD credit card on 2/14. It was confirmed to be fraud. New card has been issued.
 - This is the second time within a year that I've had my card compromised. Fraud is usually due to a data breach from some place a purchase was made (since usually they need the security code to use the cards and I still had the physical card in my possession) but I've taken some additional steps:
 - Full scan of my computer used for recent online purchases (for malware that might record the card)
 - Starting with this board meeting I've redacted account details on the financial report I share with the board (in case someone has a compromised email account)
 - Changed passwords on some sites I used to make KALHD purchases (e.g., Amazon)
 - Shelby's card has not shown any issues thus far

• There should be no financial impact on KALHD. The fraud instances are challenged and if it goes like last time they'll be confirmed and removed.

Project Updates

- PHEP
 - New workplan efforts have been a major focus over the last week or so, but that's been covered elsewhere in this board meeting

Legislative Updates

- I'll plan to provide some verbal updates (as things are still fluid) regarding:
 - State Formula increase
 - State Formula minimum (HB 2330)

Important Dates to Remember

- 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