

Healthy People Build Strong Communities

### Executive Director Report April 18, 2023

#### **Organizational Updates**

- Mid-Year Meeting
  - Planning is underway
    - Locking down workshops based off prior agreements and recommendations from last year
    - Data Day pre-conference will exist (different location)
    - Nursing CEs for all days
- KALHD Dues
  - We are only missing one LHD dues payment. They indicated the check was to be issued earlier this month so we expect to see it sometime soon.
- Audit
  - Engagement letter signed. Auditors will be coming to do field work in late May to audit KALHD's 2022 financials.
- No EHR Listserv
  - In the wake of the billing symposium there was renewed interest in a list for billing-related topics for those **without** an EHR system. That has been established.
- CDP Listserv
  - WSU reached out about us hosting a listserv for the CDP EHR so I have established that as well.

# **Project Updates**

- Medicaid
  - For the Z Code project I still need to hear of ACMHKS and CCNK are good with the presentation
  - There has been discussion in our quarterly Medicaid meetings around blood lead testing with the WIC population (many of you may recall filling out a survey trying to measure what is currently happening)

# **Legislative Updates**

- The anti-vax/anti-quarantine bills merged into a single bill (HB 2390) in conference but failed to get enough votes in the Senate. Defeated for now.
- A bill did pass significantly reworking childcare licensing (HB 2344). That goes to the Governor.
- The Legislature passed a budget that includes an \$800,000 increase in the State Formula for SFY 2024 and a \$12,000 minimum payment. Assuming that is signed all LHDs will need to revise their submission in KGMS as everyone will have more money than was originally listed.

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

- Board Meeting: May 16, 2023 (virtual)
- Mid-Year Meeting: June 27-28, 2023 (board/member meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>) (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 7<sup>th</sup>) (in-person)

--Dennis Kriesel, KALHD Executive Director