

KALHD Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2023

**Board Members**

Jason Tiller, Board President  
Brie Greeson, President-Elect  
Paula Bitter, District 2 Representative  
Cortney Murrow, District 2 Alternate – **arrived 10:06 a.m.**  
Leslie Campbell, District 3 Representative  
Ruth Walker, District 4 Representative – **arrived 10:14 a.m.**  
Lynnette Redington, District 5 Representative  
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alternate and KAC Representative  
Susan Belt, District 6 Alternate  
Adrienne Byrne, Member-at-Large #2

**Attendees**

Chantal Nez  
Angela Gaughan  
Angie Kahle  
Charlie Hunt  
Cheryl Skalla  
Christena Beer  
Cristi Cain  
Crystal VanHoutan  
Debra Anthony  
Diana Parke  
Elizabeth Sheldon  
Ladonna Reinert  
Jamie Miller  
Jennifer Millbern  
Karen Winkelman  
Kim Reel  
Leslie Pfannenstiel  
Lori Eichman  
Monica Reuber  
Ray Finley  
Rayna Maddox  
Sara Hodges  
Shelly Schneider  
Stephen Maheux  
Teresa Fisher  
Tonya Medina  
Dan Partridge

Denice Cragg  
Kendra Glassman  
Shalei Shea

### **Staff**

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director  
Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director

### **Call to order**

Jason Tiller, Board President, called the meeting to order at **10:01 am**

### **Board roll call**

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director, took roll call of board members. It was determined that a quorum was present. Dennis also shared that Julie Gibbs, Treasurer/Secretary, will not be present for at least the start of the meeting so Dennis will give the monthly financial report to the board.

### **Agenda**

Jason shared the agenda for today's meeting. Dennis requested a new action item summary item between items 11 and 12 in the agenda, called "KALHD Executive Committee action summary". **Jason requested a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Paula Bitter moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Brie Greeson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.**

### **February meeting minutes**

Jason shared meeting minutes from February 2023 board meeting. **Karla Nichols moved to approve the meeting minutes as introduced. Adrienne Byrne seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.**

### **February 2023 financial report**

Dennis shared the February 2023 financial report in lieu of Julie Gibbs, Secretary/Treasurer. Overall KALHD is in a good financial position. **Jason asked for a motion to approve the February 2023 monthly financial report and place on file. Brie moved to approve and place on file. Leslie Campbell seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.**

### **KDHE Update**

Cristi Cain gave an update from KDHE. The Governor's Public Health Conference (GPHC) is coming up at the end of March. KDHE announced that there is record attendance for the conference this year. The full day to day agenda was also shared during the meeting. Leslie asked a question about the headshot session during the conference and Shelly Schneider shared she will share a link to register for the headshot sessions.

Cristi also shared that KDHE has hired two new staff for the public health team. Destany Wheeler will represent Southeast Kansas as a Public Health Specialist and Leslie Thomas will

represent Southcentral as a Public Health Nurse Specialist. Susan Belt ask for contact information for the two new staff and KDHE indicated they will share it via email. Dennis uploaded the GPHC agenda PDF into the chat box in response to a query for more detailed information on all the workshops.

### **CPHI**

Chantal Nez and Angela Gaughan, representatives from the CPHI shared information about the CDC grant for AmeriCorps participants in public health departments. WSU CPHI is currently recruiting sites for the participants. There is a fee associated with this program for LHDs and can be either part time or full time for 12 months. Angela shared that these positions cannot be positions that have already been created but are brand new and there is no age limit on AmeriCorps participants. They will also be attending the GPHC next week.

### **KAC**

Karla Nichols gave a short update on KAC activities. They have their board meeting next week, but she encouraged the board to get involved on the KAC listserv. She also mentioned they have a webinar next week about the environmental health surveillance program and recommends this group attends. She also shared a link to the webinar here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvdOyqqj4qHdeImDHxGR8aGiRs6XJHU0-g>

### **Z Code Presentation**

Dennis shared a presentation about Z Code Claim Reimbursements. He would like the approval of the board of directors to share this presentation with Medicaid Director Sarah Fertig.

**Adrienne moved to approve the use of the Z Code presentation for discussions with Kansas Medicaid and Director Fertig. Karla N seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### **Assistant Director Report**

Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director shared updates on immunization projects and the updated scope of practice document for LHDs. She also shared a webinar happening tomorrow, March 22 about vaccine fears from two former anti-vaccine moms. Adrienne commented that the information from the former anti-vaccine moms was very useful to understanding that side of the issue.

### **Executive Director Report**

Dennis shared information about Mid-Year Meeting planning, his upcoming schedule, and an update on KALHD dues which he projects getting all 100 departments back as members. He also shared information about the Delta Grant and a legislative update.

### **Executive Committee Action Summary**

Dennis announced that, following his performance review from the KALHD President, the Executive Committee, per their authority under the bylaws, increased his pay by 3% effective March 2023.

### **Open Discussion**

Jason moved the committee into open discussion. The group discussed Dennis's session on the legislature during the GPHC and Karla Nichols asked that Dennis share the presentation with her as she will not be attending the conference.

**Adjournment**

Jason adjourned the meeting at **11:14 a.m. CT**

*Respectfully submitted by Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director on March 21, 2023.*