

**MCH Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023**

Committee Members

Carrie Akin, KDHE
Holly Frye, KDHE
Julie Laverack, Community Health Center of Southwest Kansas
Shanea Bea, Delivering Change
Monica Reuber, Sheridan County Health Department
Amy Lell, Wilson County Health Department
Jennifer Miller, KDHE
Cortney Murrow, Mitchell County Health Department
Cari Schmidt, KU School of Medicine Wichita
Kayzy Bigler, KDHE
Jennifer Bruns, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department
Dennis Kriesel, KALHD
Shelby Ostrom, KALHD

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. central time

Introductions

Carrie Akin introduced Jennifer Miller, who is the new State MCH Director.

Governor's Public Health Conference Pre-Conference Presentation (GPHC)

The grant has been shared with the KDHE leadership team. Have been given the green light to present at the GPHC. Carrie shared that they would like members of the workgroup to present portions of the presentation at GPHC. Carrie shared a document that included information about the new application and previous presentations which includes information about the state action plan, the recommendations, and why the application changed. Carrie offered that KDHE will prepare a script and/or slides for presenters. KDHE will also provide reimbursements for presenters for the pre-conference as well.

Presenters

KDHE will present on the state action plan, why the application changed, and funding. They will also be covering the selection and scoring process.

Julie Laverack offered to present the eligibility requirements

Cari Schmidt offered to present on the project period

Monica Reuber offered to present on the project pathways

Carrie mentioned that KDHE will also be asking for feedback from attendees on how they would like to receive this information and assistance with the grant. The attendees will break into regions during the meeting and assist with setting up plans. Cortney Murrow suggested that the

session should be more “brainstorm-y” and use SMART goals and what they might need for the grant. Cortney also suggested that there should be room for discussion, and everyone come together after the breakout sessions.

Next Steps

Holly Frye expressed interest in continuing this group and having meetings to give feedback to KDHE. Julie Laverack and Cortney both expressed interest. The group was interested in learning more about what this group could become and KDHE discussed there is also a MCH Leadership Council, however, there is not much local representation in that group. If you are interested in participating, please email Holly Frye. There is a small application and orientation for this council as well. Dennis Kriesel offered to continue to facilitate this group, and he has a list of interested parties who may want to join this group as well, however, he recommended that they offer “open calls” for other interested individuals rather than add more people to the workgroup. Carrie suggested that this group continues to meet bi-monthly and then go quarterly after. A Zoom poll was conducted with a majority of voters indicating to agree with the bi-monthly format moving forward for the time being.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.