

PHEP Q4 Quarterly Meeting Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Cindy Mullen
Dana Rickley
Luke Johnson
Nancy Griffith
Skye Reid
Stephen Maheux
Tom Langer
Tonya Medina
Dennis Kriesel
Shelby Ostrom
Rebecca Adamson
Edward Bell
Shelly Schneider
Tamara Wilkerson
Lisa Beebe

Meeting Start

Dennis called the meeting to order at **1:01 p.m. CT**

Introductions

The group provided brief introductions to the group's new member, Tonya Medina (Wallace County), who was appointed to replace Betha Elliott.

New PHEP coordinator orientation training

Rebecca opened the conversation about a PHEP coordinator orientation or training. Luke Johnson, with KDHE, could facilitate the training. However, Rebecca wants to know what types of training would need to be included in orientation, could make it like the new administrator trainings on KS TRAIN. Luke shared that this training would be for regional coordinators at this time, but KDHE is looking into providing more training in the future. Dennis suggested a training on KGMS and grant reporting. The group discussed in-person regional meetings and how those are still occurring, and many have switched to virtual, considering doing orientation in person. Rebecca shared that KDHE is planning on having an in-person meeting later in the year, and KDHE would like to get back to doing it more. Shelly Schneider echoed the group and shared that the in-person meetings are valuable, and she recommended it. Cindy Mullen recommended that the training include the history and the formula for PHEP over the years and currently.

Discuss HCC-related webinar presentation to KAC on 5/30/2023

Edward Bell shared details on the HCC-related presentation to the Kansas Association of Counties. The presentation will be 45 minutes on May 30 and will present what health coalitions in Kansas do. It will be like the session at the mid-year meeting.

Discuss Preparedness KALHD MYM presentations

Dennis shared more information about the MYM presentations on preparedness. He has also shared information about both sessions to the regional coordinators listserv as well. Edward and Luke shared more information about the topics for the sessions.

Open Discussion

Dennis moved the group into open discussion at **1:28 p.m. CT**

Rebecca mentioned that two counties did not apply for local PHEP funding this year, they mentioned to Rebecca that reporting is hard as a reason for not applying. The funding amount for the regions that these two counties are in will not change as it is population based. KDHE has submitted their PHEP grant to the CDC, don't expect any major changes, but will find out around July 1, 2023. There will be a new project period for the PHEP grant after this upcoming grant year. This new project period will start July 1 of 2024. Rebecca is hoping to continue the PHEP grant with KALHD too. KDHE is going to continue to push having the regional coordinators and HCCs come to the regional meetings person, there will still be a virtual option. Cindy shared that there may be push back from the administrators who may not want the HCCs and regional coordinators to attend. Nancy shared that some of the regional coordinators are administrators too. Cindy asked about the updated workplan and when it will be posted. Rebecca shared that it will be posted sometime in July.

Dennis asked about raising the local share of PHEP funds on a federal level. Dennis also discussed the idea of an outreach campaign for the KALHD board did get more funding. Rebecca liked that idea and shared that she has shared with CDC the same suggestion of more funding. Tamera concurred on the idea and thought this would be the best time to do this. Tom Langer shared that in the past, administrators and commissioners in the southwest region had expressed they didn't have the staff capacity to do PHEP. Dennis will update the KALHD board meeting agenda with this information, and he also had a conversation about policy issues with the governor's policy team and will add this to the list. Stephen Maheux shared that PHEP could be integrated into public health 3.0, and how those with high SDoH have a worse time with disasters, as an idea.

Adjournment

Dennis adjourned the meeting at **2:11 p.m. CT**