
Executive Director Report June 28, 2023

Organizational Updates

- Mid-Year Meeting
 - Ended up with over 100 registrations for at least one day of the conference (including presenters)
- Audit
 - Auditors are hoping to be finished with the audit and ready to present at the July board meeting

Project Updates

- Medicaid
 - We've signed a new agreement with WSU to continue Medicaid work
 - We'd been operating under SFY 2023 without an agreement, and have now been paid for this ongoing period
 - The new agreement operates are basically a prepay model
 - This agreement runs through SFY 2026 (\$15,000/year)
- PHEP
 - We're still waiting for our one-year extension for SFY 2024. Sounds like the delay is with Department of Administration
- Delta Center Grant
 - Final advisory team meeting under the grant was June 5th
 - There are "alumni grants" and Kansas does intend to apply for one
 - Anticipate LHD involvement and potentially some dollars for KALHD. Some areas discussed that they'd like to work on:
 - Z Codes
 - CHAs between mental health, FQHCs, hospitals, and LHDs
 - This would be a 10-month grant
 - If no grant, there is still interest in maintaining some collaborative efforts, particularly legislative

Legislative Updates

- HB 2285, which combined elements of SB 6 (anti-local health officer order authority bill) and SB 314 (a bill regarding prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine requirements for children), was vetoed by the Governor
 - There was no veto override attempt (the Legislature would have needed to schedule a special session)
- Other 2023 session highlights:
 - Fentanyl test strips legalized
 - \$800,000 increase in the State Formula
 - Kansas aligned with the federal law and moved tobacco age from 18 to 21

- 2024 Legislative expectations
 - Child care licensing will likely be a big topic (there was an attempt to take action this year on it)
 - Expect Senate Public Health to bring back up a number of the same anti-public health concepts they've entertained that last couple of years (namely on vaccinations and local health officer authority)
- After the last board meeting I did generate a list of funding ideas and send to Ashley Goss
 - After KDHE's review we may see about discussing with the Governor's office to see if we can get buy-in to include some of them in the Governor's enhancements

Important Dates to Remember

- 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