

**KALHD Mid-Year Meeting
Business Meeting
June 28, 2023**

Board Members

Jason Tiller, President
Brie Greeson, President-Elect
Dana Rickley, Past-President
Julie Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer
Karla Heble, District 1 Representative
Jennifer Cure, District 1 Alternate
Paula Bitter, District 2 Representative
Cortney Murrow, District 2 Alternate
Leslie Campbell, District 3 Representative
Ruth Walker, District 4 Representative
Lynnette Redington, District 5 Representative
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alternate and KAC Representative
Arlene Doll, Member-at-Large
Adrienne Byrne, Member-at-Large

Attendees

Rebecca Adamson
John Alejos
Debra Anthony
Christena Beer
Sierra Behrens
Amy Blackburn
Brandi Bray
Gina Brown
Cristi Cain
Taylor Carter
Shruti Chhabra
Brenda Clugston
Tisha Coleman
Denice Cragg
AAron Davis
Anabel Feauto
Ray Finley
Teresa Fisher
Amy Gaier
Aften Gardner
Kendra Glassman

Brandee Hanna-Kirk
Hope Harmon
Tiffany Hayman
Aime Cope
Cheryl Hoberecht
Lisa Horn
Toni Irvin
Sarah Jolley
Sonia Jordan
Angie Kahle
Meckenzie Kelly
Bobbi Koerperich
Kelly Lacy
Tom Langer
Vicki Lindsey
Denise James
Rayna Maddox
Tonya Medina
Melissa Miller
Kendra Nguyen
Margaret Obholz
Krissi O'Dell
Ally Payne
Brenda Pfizenmaier
Sheryl Pierce
Kim Reel
Monica Reuber
Stacey Rollins
Krista Schneider
Shelly Schneider
Remy Schneider, The Public Health Dog
Jennette Schuette
Shalei Shea
Kay Smith
Melissa Smith
Teresa Starr
Kristy Stewart
Tonya Sulanka
Lesley Thomas
Misty Trudeau
Crystal VanHoutan
Cheryl Vincent
Kendra Walsh
Destany Wheeler

Karen Winkelman
Julisa Wolf

KALHD Staff

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director
Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director

Call To Order

Jason Tiller, President, called the board meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. CT at the Mid-Year Meeting, located at Holiday Inn Express in Salina, KS.

Board Roll Call

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director, determined that there was a quorum of board members present.

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda

Jason asked for any changes to the agenda. No changes were requested. He then requested a motion to approve the June 2023 board meeting agenda. **Arlene Doll moved to approve the agenda. Adrienne Byrne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Jason shared the May 2023 board meeting minutes with the board. No changes were requested. Jason asked for a motion to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes. **Paula Bitter moved to approve the minutes. Brie Greeson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

After the vote, Ruth Walker, District 4 Representative resigned her position on the board of directors effective after this meeting. Jason and Dennis will work together to appoint someone else to the position.

May 2023 Monthly Financial Report

Julie Gibbs gave a financial update to the membership. Overall, KALHD is in a good financial standing. Jason asked for a motion to approve the May 2023 financial report and place on file. **Arlene moved to approve the financial report. Karla Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

YTD Walkthrough of KALHD's Financial Shape

Dennis gave a full snapshot of KALHD's financial status. He is projecting a surplus in funds at the end of the year, and he reviewed income and expenditures for the year.

Thoughts to Membership

Jason shared his thoughts with the membership as president. He thanked Dennis for his work with the legislature during COVID-19 and throughout the last year. He presented Dennis with a

gift to commemorate the occasion. He encouraged the membership to lean on other health departments and build a community.

Member Voting Portion: Revised Dues Formula

Dennis shared that the board of directors is recommending dues changes for 2024 membership dues. The new formula would have the base dues drop to \$460 along with an increase to \$.02 on the per capita portion of the dues. He shared that attendee packets include a projected dues formula for each county. Dennis also shared that the dues formula changes would mean the bulk of the increases would fall on larger health departments rather than smaller health departments. Dennis shared that most health departments should not see more than \$25 dues increase without having at least that much of an increase via the enhanced SFY 2024 State Formula.

Tom Langer shared positive remarks to Dennis and thanked him for his work over the past few years. Tom also asked how this dues increase will change the direction of KALHD in the future. Dennis shared that he expects this to be the only dues increase for the next 4-5 years, but he may recommend another change in the base dues depending on funding changes to the minimum amount of the State Formula. He also shared that many of our funding streams are ending, and while good conversations are happening about extensions, there is an opportunity for this due increase to help pay for the Assistant Director position. Dennis also shared that in 2019 the organization had funding issues, and he would like that to change for the future by being less dependent on grants and other outside funds.

Teresa Starr also shared feedback about hiring staff and asked if there were opportunities for more staff. Dennis shared that KALHD is not planning on hiring more staff at this time, however, there may be additional opportunities in the future. He did mention that KALHD may contract for various services, including legal advice.

Jason asked for a motion to approve the 2024 members' dues increase. Karla Heble, Rawlins County Health Departments moved to approve the member dues. Dana Rickley, Clay County Health Department seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

KDHE Updates

Governor's Public Health Conference

Cristi Cain gave an update from KDHE. She mentioned that at the last meeting, it was discussed to move the Governor's Public Health Conference up to March 4-6, 2024, at the Hyatt in Wichita; 2025 will also have the same dates. After 2025, KDHE will try to get back on their regular schedule. Cristi also called for volunteers for the planning committee for Governor's Public Health Conference for local public health departments, two small, two medium, and two large. Shelly Schneider will be sharing a survey code via email for those interested in participating. Amy Geier shared that it does not need to be an administrator who participates. Cristi also shared that the Aid-to-Local grant cycle will be extended to after the conference for

the next two years. Cristi believes there will be enough hotel rooms at the Hyatt with no need for overflow.

Regional Meetings

She also shared information about the next round of regional meetings. Dr. Sarah Jolley and Kansas Health Institute will be presenting on workforce development topics. The Childcare Licensing Listening Tour will also be occurring during the meeting. Leslie Campbell asked about the childcare licensing tour and if it is different than the one the governor is currently doing, and Cristi shared that it is.

HOOK Meeting

Cristi shared that the Health Officers of Kansas (HOOK) group is planning an event on September 27th in Wichita. A save the date will be sent soon. The speakers will talk about environmental issues such as gas pipeline leaks. The event will be free and include CEs.

Workforce Development Grant

Cristi shared information about the workforce development grant applications. The grant will open on KGMS on July 1st and close on August 15th. An FAQ page has been posted and Cristi and her team are hoping to capture additional questions about the application. The regional public health specialists/nurses will be able to answer funding questions as well. KDHE is checking to see if vehicle purchases, therapy dogs, etc. will be covered, more information to come from the CDC. Dennis shared that someone asked about an expenditure for companies to help with job descriptions/policies and Cristi and her team will check on it, with a likelihood of it being allowable. Cristi and her team also discussed tuition reimbursement retention strategies. She recommended that those reimbursements have a limit on how long an employee works at the office. Ruth asked about reimbursements for grants, and Christi shared information on how those will be distributed and will talk to the fiscal team, Brie seconded that thought and requested a timeline or schedule for reimbursement. Cortney Murrow also requested resource documents for the grant. Cristi shared that Shelly, and her team are looking into creating a repository. Leslie asked about frontloading the 5-year grant funds. Cristi shared that LHDs can either spread it out or spend it all at the beginning.

CPHI Updates

Informatics and ChatGPT/AI

AAaron Davis shared highlights about the work that CPHI is doing. He shared information about the KALHD Informatics Subcommittee. He shared that this group is always looking for members and requests/comments about data. CPHI also shared that they are working on EHR modernization and ChatGPT and would like to start a group about AI. If you are interested in getting involved, speak to Aaron or Taylor Carter.

KS Health Collaborative Toolkit

AAaron also discussed the Kansas Health Collaborative and highlighted the toolkit available on the website. AAaron also highlighted the Public Health in Action section on the website and sharing stories that staff are doing.

Training

The Local Public Health Training series is coming back. AAaron encouraged members to attend if they have not already, the enrollment period is open now. AAaron also mentioned that CPHI along with partners, are working on developing a Foundations of Public Health program in the fall.

AAaron ended his update with an open call on what the LHDs need/want this upcoming year and how CPHI can help with those pain points. Kendra Nguyen shared more information about the KS Public Health Collaborative and how to get information shared in the newsletter and/or on social media. Adrienne also put in a plug for the CPHI team and the work they are doing.

KAC Update

Karla N. gave an update on behalf of the Kansas Association of Counties. Their board of directors met last week, and Karla N. also shared that KAC and KALHD co-authored a letter for LHDs to take to commissioners for workforce development. In addition, she also shared information about the LAVTR and how Kansas has not been providing that money back to counties and how KAC is working on a campaign for fall. She also shared information about the KAC annual meeting in early December in Wichita.

Assistant Director Report

Shelby Ostrom gave an update on various immunization and non-immunization projects. This included COVID-19 updates and the scope of practice matrix, which was shared on the administrator listserv. Shelby also opened a conversation about how use the final year of funds for the immunization grant, which concludes in June 2024. There are funds to use for scholarships for travel and meetings. In addition, the membership discussed ideas on immunizations and the future of immunizations in Kansas and how we can improve immunization rates. Shelby will use these ideas to develop projects for the next grant year.

Executive Director Report

Dennis shared an update on various grants and project updates, including PHEP, Z Codes/Medicaid, and the mid-year meeting. Overall, we had 98 individuals on the first day of the conference. Dennis also gave an update on legislative activities, including vetoes and passed laws in the legislature.

The group did not participate in open discussion as there was no time left in the meeting.

Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m. CT

Respectfully submitted by Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director on June 28, 2023.