

**KALHD Board Meeting  
May 16, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members**

Jason Tiller, Board President  
Brie Greeson, President-Elect  
Dana Rickley, Past-President  
Julie Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer  
Jennifer Cure, District 1 Alternate – **10:01 a.m.**  
Paula Bitter, District 2 Representative  
Cortney Murrow, District 2 Alternate  
Leslie Campbell, District 3 Representative  
Ruth Walker, District 4 Representative – **10:57 a.m.**  
Lynnette Redington, District 5 Representative – **10:03 a.m.**  
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alternate and KAC Representative  
Lisa Scott, District 6 Representative  
Adrienne Byrne, Member-at-Large #2

**Meeting Attendees**

Douglas Neal  
Aaron Davis  
Brenda Clugston  
Cindy Mullen  
Cristi Cain  
Denice Cragg  
Diana Parke  
Elizabeth Sheldon  
Karen Winkelman  
Krista Schneider  
Kristy Stewart  
Lori Eichman  
Monica Reuber  
Pam Harris  
Rayna Maddox  
Rebecca Adamson  
Shalei Shea  
Shelly Schneider  
Teresa Fisher  
Tonya Medina  
Teresa Starr  
Steven Maheux  
Christena Beer

Crystal VanHoutan  
Tina Payne  
Sara Hodges

### **Staff**

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director  
Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director

### **Call to Order**

Jason Tiller, Board President called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CT

### **Board roll call**

Dennis Kriesel, Executive Director determined that a quorum of board members was present for the meeting.

### **Approval of agenda**

Jason shared the May 2023 board meeting agenda. **No changes were suggested. Brie Greeson moved to approve the May 2023 agenda. Adrienne Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### **5-year palliative care presentation**

Douglas Neal, MPH shared information about the 5-year palliative care plan for KDHE.

### **April 2023 minutes**

Jason presented the April 2023 meeting minutes. **No changes were suggested. Paula Bitter moved to approve the meeting minutes. Adrienne seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### **April 2023 financial report**

Julie Gibbs, Treasurer, gave a financial update for the organization. Overall, KALHD is in good financial standing. **Jason requested a motion to approve and place the financial report on file. Karla Nichols motioned to approve and place the financial report on file. Brie seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

### **KDHE Update**

Cristi Cain gave an update from KDHE including regional meeting schedule, COVID-19 testing materials, All Hands-on DECK grant submissions will be reviewed and selected soon, updates to state formula increases will be available on July 1.

### *Governors Public Health Conference*

The group also discussed the 2024 Governor's Public Health Conference is slated to be on March 26-28 with location options in both Wichita and Manhattan, but there are space and scheduling issues in Manhattan, but Wichita has the space to hold the conference. Unfortunately, the selected dates for both 2024 and 2025 are unavailable at the Wichita hotel with sufficient capacity to hold the event, the Hyatt. The Wichita Marriott can hold the event at

the usual time of the conference but it capped to just 480 attendees. There are other dates available at the Wichita Hyatt in early March or the conference could go ahead in Manhattan. Cristi shared options and the group discussed those options. Zoom poll conducted found 80% supported using the Wichita Hyatt and changing the dates as needed, 12% wanted to stay in Manhattan, and 8% wanted to use the Wichita Marriott and accept the lower maximum capacity. Cristi then wanted to know how long they should plan to keep the conference at the Hyatt. A Zoom poll was conducted where 43% had no preference, 29% suggested using the Hyatt for a couple of years but then switching to another location, and 28% supported using the Hyatt long-term.

More information will be shared soon. Cristi also asked about shirts from the conference and how staff wanted to purchase shirts for individuals who didn't attend the conference. Cristi expressed that the planners do not want to sell shirts due to difficulties with taxes. The group discussed options for shirts including merch websites. A Zoom poll was conducted where 39% supported finding a way to sell the shirts online, 27% didn't care, 19% supported only having shirts provided to those who registered for the conference, and 15% supported providing the logo of the shirt to those who want it so they can go and get their own shirts printed.

### **CPHI Update**

Aaron Davis gave updates on the informatics subcommittee and what projects might be helpful for LHDs. Please share ideas for projects with Aaron or Lynnette Redington. Aaron also gave a update on Data Day, which will happen the day before the KALHD mid-year at the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina from 1-4:30 p.m. on June 26. CPHI is waiting to hear if they can offer a stipend for travel, so the flyer will be released soon. Lunch will also be provided for those interested and the registration is included in the mid-year registration.

### ***Billing Symposium***

Tina Payne gave an update about the billing symposium that occurred in April. Tina expressed thanks to those who attended the symposium and how it expanded on the billing resource guide. Overall, the feedback was good from evaluations and billers designed and implemented the symposium and that helped with good feedback. There was about 85 people who attended with a low no-show rate.

### **KAC Update**

Karla N., KAC representative, gave an update from KAC. Karla shared that the KAC board met last month, and she shared information about the workforce development grant.

### **Board Recommendations for KALHD 2024 dues increase**

Dennis re-shared information about a membership dues increase for the KALHD membership for approval by the board of directors. The dues will be changed from \$510 base plus .01 cent per capita population to \$460 base plus .02 cent per capita population. This will help adjust KALHD's budget to better reflect membership. **If approved, this recommendation will be voted on by members during the mid-year meeting in June. Jason asked for a motion to approve the**

**recommendation. Brie moved to approve the dues change recommendation. Paula seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

#### **Assistant Director Report**

Shelby Ostrom gave an update on immunization projects including the vaccine buying group, data, and reminders about immunization tasks.

#### **Executive Director Report**

Dennis shared updates from the organization including mid-year meeting information, dues updates and the audit, which will occur this month. Dennis also shared information the presentation on Z Codes to Medicaid staff and Secretary Stanek and Secretary Howard and the project moving forward. He also gave legislative updates.

#### **Discussion: Public Health Funding**

Dennis shared that he has been talking to the policy team at the Governor's office about budget enhancements for public health. He is interested in learning more about how to ask for more public health funding on both a state and local level. Dennis opened the discussion to the group. Ruth Walker and Pam Harris expressed that they would be interested in environmental projects including drinking water and lead. Karla N. also shared that a sanitarian may be helpful as well. Dennis suggested that rabies testing for animals is also something that this group might be interested in, he also suggested the courier service as an enhancement and the group agreed. The farmer worker program and county commissioner education for public health was also suggested. State formula is also being working through and a potential increase. Jason suggested that the group share ideas with Dennis about public health funding.

***Due to time constraints, the group did not have open discussion.***

#### **Adjournment**

Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m. CT

*Respectfully submitted on May 16, 2023 by Shelby Ostrom, Assistant Director*