

**PHEP Advisory Meeting  
Q1 of FY 2024  
August 24, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Tamara Wilkerson  
Cindy Mullen  
Steve Maheux  
Edward Bell  
Nancy Griffith  
Rebecca Adamson  
Lisa Beebe  
Dennis Kriesel  
Shelby Ostrom  
Dana Rickley  
Shelly Schneider  
Tom Langer  
Skye Reid – arrived **9:08 a.m.**

**Meeting Start**

Dennis Kriesel started the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CT

**Discuss Preparedness sessions held at KALHD MYM**

Dennis shared information about the preparedness sessions during the mid-year meeting in June 2023. Overall, the PHEP sessions' performance ranked under most of the other sessions but were not bad evaluation scores. Dennis shared that anything 95% popularity rating or above it typically had next-to-no concerns from the MYM, and one of the PHEP sessions performed above that threshold. He also shared feedback on learning objectives from the post-event survey. Dennis also shared specific individual feedback about the presentations to the group as well.

Stephen Maheux asked a question about the specific topics that were presented, and Dennis shared that the topics had been merged for one of the sessions, and while they weren't "related", it was a structure logistic. Rebecca Adamson shared that they have invited the RRCs to the next regional PHEP meeting, which should hopefully help the conversations. Cindy Mullen shared that the RRCs and the regional coordinators have gotten away from streamlined workplans and throughout the 5-year grant period with planning exercises and work. Cindy expressed concern that this had not been done for a while and would like to get back to that form in the future. Skye Reid echoed Cindy's comments and shared that there is not much "buy-in" from public health. The group discussed this topic and suggested ways to increase the value of the HCCs to the LHDs and possibly increase collaboration via the HCC model. A topic in this realm may be good for the 2024 KALHD MYM.

### **KAC Conference Session Discussion**

Dennis shared that the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) conference is coming up in early December. He shared that the PHEP group typically provides a workshop for the conference, and he asked the committee their thoughts on a potential topic. In the past, it has been a panel of KDHE employees and local public health staff talking about preparedness topics including COVID-19 and tornadoes. Edward Bell shared this conference will be occurring during the same week as Four Corners regional preparedness conference in Missouri. Dennis shared that this group could forgo doing a session. Rebecca suggested that Lisa Beebe could talk more about the PHEP grant process during the conference instead. Dennis suggested that the session could occur during the KALHD annual meeting on the last day of the conference, Dennis also suggested that this group discuss an actual topic and agenda for this session during the November meeting. This plan will move forward. Shelby was told to be aware, given Dennis's upcoming departure from KALHD, to work with Kim Qualls at KAC to secure a non-preparedness workshop for public health in place of the typical preparedness one, with the plan to add preparedness to the agenda of the KALHD annual meeting at the event, likely on the topic of the grant.

### **Adjournment**

Dennis adjourned the meeting 9:53 a.m.