

KALHD Board Meeting  
September 18, 2023  
Meeting Minutes

**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  
Kendra Walsh, District 4 Representative – **10:15 a.m.**  
Lynnette Redington, District 5 Representative  
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alternate and KAC Representative  
Lisa Scott, District 6 Representative  
Arlene Doll, Member-at-Large  
Adrienne Byrne, Member-at-Large

**Attendees**

Diana Parke  
Lori Eichman  
Pam Harris  
Denise James  
Dawn Jones  
Karen Winkelman  
Elizabeth Sheldon  
Peyton Kessler  
Kim Knieling  
Shalei Shea  
Sara Hodges  
Crystal VanHoutan  
Krista Schneider  
Kendra Glassman  
Angie Kahle  
Ruth Walker  
Charlie Hunt  
Denice Cragg  
Taylor Noyce  
Tonya Sulanka  
Teresa Fisher

Tonya Medina  
Cindy Mullen  
Amanda Peterson  
Amanda Snyder  
Monica Reuber  
Anabel Feauto  
Rebecca Johnson  
Kerianne Ehrlich  
Greg Klein  
Faye Jones  
AAron Davis  
Cristi Cain  
Jamie Johnson  
Cheryl Skalla  
Mary Jo Fleming  
Darcie Van Der Vyver  
Jackie Patterson  
Brandee Kirk  
Rebecca Adamson  
Misty Trudeau

#### **KALHD Staff**

Shelby Ostrom

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Board Roll Call**

Shelby Ostrom, interim executive director took a roll call of board members. She determined a quorum was present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Jason shared the September board meeting agenda with the board and called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Brie Greeson motioned to approve the agenda, Dana Rickley seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

#### **July Meeting Minutes**

Jason shared the July 2023 meeting minutes and called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Adrienne Byrne moved to approve the agenda. Karla Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

#### **July and August 2023 Financial Reports**

Julie Gibbs, secretary, shared the July and August 2023 financial reports. Overall, KALHD remains in good standing. Jason shared that the additional Paychex charges for August were

Dennis Kriesel's payout balance for vacation and sick pay. Jason asked for a motion to approve both financial reports and place them on file. **Brie moved to approve the reports and place them on file. Adrienne seconded the motion.**

### **Executive Director Search Update**

Jason shared that the KALHD Executive Committee, after extensive interviewing, has hired Randall Bowman, to serve as the new Executive Director for the organization. Randy brings extensive experience and Jason's comments were echoed by Brie. Randy will begin his new position tentatively on November 1 and may join the board for their next meeting in October. Shelby has created a press release with information about Randy that was shared on the website.

### **Kansas Immunization Program Grant Budget Change Request**

Shelby shared that the Kansas Immunization Grant has some extra funds to spend down before the end of the grant cycle. She has worked with Aaron Davis and his team at CPHI to develop a budget for additional projects that could be created in lieu of original intended usage. The group discussed the projects, including the immunization summit and requested it be part of the immunization conference at KDHE along with the social media resources that will be customized for each LHD. Jason asked for a motion to approve the moving of \$19,890.00 to move from KIP training to general KIP funds. **Paula Bitter moved to approve the motion. Adrienne seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Shelby will send this updated budget to KDHE for a full grant budget change request.**

### **KDHE Updates**

Cristi Cain gave an update on activities at KDHE. She shared about the upcoming HoOK meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded everyone that the Governor's Public Health Conference will be taking place on March 4-6, 2024. She also shared that the All-Hands-on-Deck grant funding letters went out last week to award winners. The regional meetings are also happening starting next month. Cristi also shared that KDHE is working through the workforce development grant applications over the next month. If you need to change your budget, KDHE will be reaching out to you.

Cristi finally shared more information about the Naxalone (Narcan) deliveries in September. These were sent to "high burden" health departments, but please contact Cristi if you did not receive a shipment. Adrienne asked if they needed to return the Naxalone order to KDHE, but Cristi shared that they could share with the community partners but couldn't share with other health departments. Jason shared that Saline County also received their Naxalone, but the notification email went to an old email address via the WIC program. Cristi shared this happened to a lot of other health departments as well, and she will investigate solutions.

### **CPHI Updates**

Aaron Davis gave an update on behalf of CPHI to the board. He shared that CPHI appreciates the partnership between them and the local health departments. CPHI has sent packages to health departments as a thank you this month. He also shared information about the

informatics group and the EHR projects, an assessment of data utilization and that KDHE has hired a data modernization project manager, and an AI and Public Health Community of Practice update. The group also discussed how CPHI and KDHE are working on modernization of EHRs including Patagonia, Nightingale, Athena and WebIZ.

### **KAC Update**

Karla N. gave an update on behalf of KAC. They had a board meeting last week and worked on their policy agenda and work on LATVR. She also recommended that the board to view and read the County Comment this month to review the KAC website resources including the county Deskbook.

### **Interim Executive Director Report**

Shelby gave a report of assistant director activities and interim executive director activities. Dennis left KALHD on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and Shelby assumed his position. She will continue to be the main contact until Randy begins his role. She also shared information on COVID-19 vaccines, RSV vaccines, and an update on the KAC conference in December.

### **Legislative Policy Committee Updates + Positions Open During Annual Meeting**

Jason shared those multiple positions will be open during the annual meeting in December. Jason shared a full list of those positions at the meeting. He also shared that he wants people to start thinking about the 2024 policy statement and what they might want the board to advocate for during the upcoming year.

### **Open Discussion**

Jason moved the board to open discussion. Shelby shared that the LHD support team has been having discussions about additional workforce development grant funds and where to put them. She asked the group to share their thoughts to take back to that group. Karla and Adrienne shared that they would like their programs to be fully funded and inoperability. There were also comments added into the chat. Brie asked about WIC being fully funded and asked if the additional funds could be used for WIC. The group shared more ideas that Shelby will take to the next support team meeting. Karla N. suggested that there be more resources and information about sharing public health's story. Cristi shared that she is checking on WIC staff funding with the CDC and will let this group know. The group also had a conversation about MySidewalk and how LHDs could be able to utilize it in their practice.

### **Adjournment**

Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m. CT

*Respectfully Submitted by Shelby Ostrom on September 19, 2023*