

KALHD Board Meeting
October 17, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Jason Tiller, President
Brie Greeson, President-Elect
Dana Rickley, Past President
Julie Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer
Karla Heble, District 1
Paula Bitter, District 2
Cortney Murrow, District 2 Alternate – **10:05 a.m.**
Leslie Campbell, District 3
Kendra Walsh
Lynnette Redington, District 5
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alternate and KAC Representative
Lisa Scott, District 6
Arlene Doll, Member at Large #1 – **10:07 a.m.**
Adrienne Byrne, Member at Large #2 – **10:12 a.m.**

Attendees

Randy Bowman, Incoming Executive Director
Tonya Medina
Meckenzie Kelly
Shalei Shea
Karen Winkleman
Dawn Jones
Misty Trudeau
Cindy Mullen
Elizabeth Sheldon
Renee Hively
Angie Kahle
Stephen Maheux
Sara Hodges
Lisa Moritz
Kory Owen
Tiffany Hayman
Lori Eichman
Jenda Jones
Amber Davis
Denice Cragg
Faye Jones
Teresa Fisher

Ashli Gavel
Mary Jo Fleming
Darcie Van Vyver
Crystal VanHoutan
Kendra Glassman
Emily Brinkman
Krista Schneider
Dennille Schweitzer
Diana Parke
AAron Davis
Cristi Cain
Shelly Schneider
Anabel Feauto
Emily Brinkman

Staff

Shelby Ostrom

Call to Order

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

Introduction of New Executive Director

Randy Bowman, KALHD's incoming executive director introduced himself to the board of directors. He shared a bit about his career prior to coming to KALHD. He will begin work at KALHD on November 1, 2023.

Board Roll Call

Shelby Ostrom, Interim Executive Director took roll for the board of directors. She determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Jason asked for any changes to the agenda. Jason asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Karla Nichols motioned to approve the agenda and Dana Rickley seconded the motion. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.**

Shelby shared that the June 2023 minutes on the agenda should have been September 2023 minutes.

September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Jason shared the September 2023 meeting minutes with the group. Karla N. asked for a change to her name in the KAC update to be updated from "Karla H." to "Karla N.". Lynette Redington also shared that her name was misspelled. **Shelby updated the minutes to reflect the changes. Jason asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes, Brie Greeson**

moved to approve the updated agenda, Cortney Murrow seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

September 2023 Monthly Financial Report

Julie Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer shared the September 2023 monthly report with the board. Overall, KALHD remains in good financial standing. **Jason asked for a motion to approve the financial report and place it on file. Cortney moved to approve the financial report and place on file. Paula Bitter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

Foundations of Public Health Course

Emily Brinkman, WSU CPHI shared information about their new foundations of public health course, which is targeted towards new LHD employees and leaders with less than 5 years of experience in the field. This course is fully funded through the workforce development grant through KDHE, and the first cohort will be a yearlong program, with applications for the program opening on November 15th. The board asked Emily questions, and she shared those additional questions about the program can be directed to CPHI@wichita.edu.

KDHE Updates

Cristi Cain, KDHE gave an update on local public health team activities. She shared that the Governor's Public Health Conference will be March 4-6, 2024, in Wichita. March 4 will be the pre-conference day. She will have more details closer to the conference date. There was a meeting on October 17th with KDHE about an update for the Narcan shipments that some LHDs received last month. If you received a shipment, you were invited to the meeting. However, Cristi and Shelly Schneider attended and took notes for those who couldn't attend.

The All Hands-on-DECK grants were dispersed to 17 communities, including LHDs. The quarterly reports will be on the same schedule as other grants. KDHE received an addition 3.0 million dollars and there will be additional opportunities for funding. Cristi also shared information about the workforce development grant. The grant cycle starts on December 1, 2023, and funding will be dispersed during that time. The grant will run until November 30, 2024. The quarterly report requirements will be the same for this grant as others, with the first report due January 15, 2024. FSRs will also be due quarterly. KDHE will send LHDs a contract to sign soon. She also shared a spreadsheet that is being worked on that looks as projects the workforce funding is being used for. Cristi shared that there were some leftover funds allocated to LHDs due to some LHDs not applying for funding. She asked this group for suggestions on how to use that funding. Karla N. suggested that the funding could be used to fully fund other programs that couldn't be funded, including MCH. Someone also asked about the issue of federal funding superseding county money, and Cristi shared there were some concerns about supplanting on the county level, so KDHE will have an audit. Adrienne Byrne asked if the workforce development grant was required to be used for new projects only. Cristi shared that funding can be used to enhance programs, but funding must be on mostly new projects. Shelly S. shared that the money will be used over several years, so it will be important to be creative. Cristi shared that Kevin Kovach from the Kansas Health Institute is interested in developing a journal

article on what Kansas is doing with the workforce funding. Cristi encouraged the group to reach out to Kevin via email if you are interested in participating with the article.

CPHI Updates

Aaron Davis, WSU shared updates from Wichita State University. He shared that WSU is working on the billing symposium and the Foundations of Public Health course. Aaron also mentioned the AI community of practice group. He encouraged anyone to join if they were interested in AI in public health. He also shared that the EHR work is continuing and encouraged anyone with questions or issues with EHRs to reach out to him. Finally, Aaron mentioned that there are conversations happening about lead screening over the coming months. They are working with the Medicaid team and the MCOs. If you are interested, reach out to Aaron. Leslie C. asked a question about webinars for EHRs, but Aaron said that there are not plans for that right now.

KAC Update

Karla N. gave an update on KAC activities. She shared that the KAC annual conference will be happening in Wichita from December 5-7, 2023. KALHD's annual meeting will also be occurring during that time. Karla mentioned that KAC is working to refine the legislative statement and LATVR funding.

Interim Executive Director Report

Shelby gave an update on KALHD activities over the past month. Lots of immunization projects, and KALHD continues to run smoothly and KALHD is planning to host a welcome reception for Randy during the KAC conference on December 6. More information, including a RSVP link coming in November.

Prior to moving into open discussion, Jason shared a reminder that KALHD will be developing our legislative policy statement over the next month. He asked for volunteers to assist with the development of the statement to reach out to him directly. He also shared that board positions will be coming open in 2024. They are below:

President-Elect

Secretary/Treasurer

District 2 Representative (current Paula Bitter, Russell)

District 2 Alternate (current Cortney Murrow, Mitchell)

District 4 Representative (current Kendra Walsh, Morton)

District 4 Alternate (vacant)

District 6 Representative (current Lisa Scott, Labette)

District 6 Alternate (vacant)

Member-at-large 2 (Adrienne Byrne, Sedgwick)

Open Discussion

Jason moved the group to open discussion.

Someone asked a question about the workforce development grant being shared about at the KAC conference. Cristi and Shelly shared that a group of LHDs will be presenting on the complexities of public health and the workforce development grant during the conference. Karla N. shared that this conversation is important and hearing it from other people is helpful to commissioners. Cristi shared that Kevin had mentioned to her an article that the life expectancy of Kansans went down 3 years over the past few years and encouraged the session to include information about economic viability. Jason echoed Karla N.'s comments.

Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at **11:12 a.m. CT**