

**Q3 of FY 2026 PHEP Advisory Team
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026**

Attendees

Skye Reid
Amber Kelly
Nancy Griffith
Skye Reid

Steven Mahuex
Lisa Beebe
Kendra Baldrige
Natalie Savage

Shelly Schneider
Amy Kahbeah
Randy Bowman

Meeting Start and Approval of Agenda

Randy Bowman started the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

PHEP Budget Period 3 Application

Natalie Savage provided an update in which she shared that KDHE has not received guidance documents from the federal government for this application. In conversations with federal staff, the best available estimate as to when they will be provided to States is mid to late February. As guidance has not been provided for BP3, no information is available as to funding, any specific changes to required activities and documentation, or a due date for state applications.

Randy Bowman provided an update on future meeting dates for this group (March 25th) and the KALHD Board (April 1st and 21st). The group discussed the need to align updates to the work plan and the State's application with these dates and decided to keep the March 25th meeting on the calendar until we have specifics. Also discussed there was a potential need for another meeting, but no decision made today.

Randy Bowman shared a [link](#) to information provided by NACCHO on the federal budget that was signed by President Trump yesterday. That information lists the public health emergency preparedness cooperative agreement funding at \$735 million which is no change compared to the prior year. The group discussed that no change in funding is in effect a reduction due to increased costs. And that advocacy by national and state organizations for increased funding is helpful and that State personnel and agencies cannot engage in such activities.

PHEP Information Gathering at Regional Meetings

Natalie Savage and Amber Kelly provided an update on this project. The project is being done for KDHE by DCCCA, who will facilitate 15–20-minute conversations at regularly scheduled meetings (regional and exercises) to get input on the status of emergency preparedness from stakeholders. The first meeting occurred last week and others will happen throughout February and March to provide opportunities for input statewide. DCCCA is leading participants through a discussion about the strengths and opportunities for improvement in emergency preparedness. The information gathered at these meetings will be included with results from a planned survey and one on one interviews with regional coordinators in a report that DCCCA will deliver this summer.

In discussion today, it was noted that this group could be one opportunity for sharing and discussion of observations and any recommendations made by DCCCA in their report.

ASPR's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2029: Vision for the Future

Randy Bowman shared that he recently received a press release on this topic and thought it would be important to share this information with this group. Neither KDHE nor KALHD have any additional information as we were not part of this work. The [press release](#) and [vision](#) can be found using these links.

There was no discussion or questions on this information.

Jurisdictional Risk Assessment

Natalie Savage provided an update on this topic which is required of states every 5 years for both the HPP and PHEP programs. A project team has been organized at KDHE to complete and submit this assessment by June 30, 2026. She shared that they have been working with Nebraska who recently completed this assessment and are applying some of the lessons learned to the project in Kansas. That includes increasing utilization of information from locally completed risk assessments and existing KDHE data sources to reduce the potential for duplication of effort. A stakeholder survey is being developed and KDHE will coordinate with regional coordinators when it is ready to distribute (est. March 2026) to help increase response rates.

FIFA World Cup

Randy Bowman asked participants if there are any newly identified needs related to preparations for this event. None were identified. From the group discussion it was apparent that a lot of resources are going into preparation for this event. He thanked everyone for their contributions to that work.

Adjourn

Randy Bowman adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.