

April 3, 2026

Natalie Savage
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Dear Ms. Savage,

On behalf of the Kansas Association of Local Health Department's (KALHD's) membership, representing all Kansas Counties through the 100 Local Health Departments (LHD), thank you for the continued collaboration toward the implementation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requirements of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement. This is a vital component of the overall emergency readiness posture for all Kansans.

This letter provides written concurrence, to sustain the proposed use of the non-earmarked cooperative agreement funds at the same level as the prior budget period. KALHD also concurs with a 50/50 state/local split of the allocated PHEP dollars, with the local's 50% further split 82% for county/tribal distribution and 18% split for regional distribution after factoring for KALHD's PHEP contract which is paid via the local share of PHEP funds.

The process leading up to this letter of support is outlined as follows:

- On March 25, 2026, the KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team met to discuss the draft PHEP Multi-Year Work Plan developed by KDHE. The workplan is structured differently this year to incorporate what previously were separate LHD, Regional and CRI work plans and guidance documents. The activities and resulting use of staff resources are largely the same as the prior year, and where there were revisions those were discussed and a consensus reached to include those revisions in the final plan that KDHE will submit to the federal government.
- On April 1, 2026, KDHE presented the PHEP Multi-Year Work Plan to the KALHD Board for review and discussion.
- On April 1, 2026, the KALHD Board conducted a vote and approved the submission of this concurrence letter to KDHE.

Thank you for your support of LHDs and for the assistance of the KDHE team throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Randy Bowman
KALHD Executive Director