

**Q4 of FY 2026 PHEP Advisory Team  
Meeting Minutes - revised  
March 25, 2026**

**Attendees**

Skye Reid  
Amber Kelly  
Nancy Griffith  
Steven Mahuex

Lisa Beebe  
Kendra Baldrige  
Natalie Savage  
Shelly Schneider

Tamara Wilkerson  
Amy Kahbeah  
Randy Bowman

**Meeting Start and Approval of Agenda**

Randy Bowman started the meeting at 10:01 a.m. No additions or changes to agenda items.

**Review of draft KDHE Work Plan for Budget Period 3**

Natalie Savage began this conversation by sharing some of the context for the draft that we have to review today. KDHE has been intentional about gathering input and feedback on ways to improve and lessen the administrative burdens of this work. One thing that they are hearing from Local Health Departments (LHD) is the benefits of seeing the big picture and context for the items in the workplan and increased continuity across the work from budget period to budget period.

Amber Kelly then led the discussion on the document which is now all the workplans (LHD, Region, CRI) and guidance for those workplans in one document. Another important change is this is now a multi-year workplan, so parts of the document will apply to this year and future years. This is reflected in the document by a “base” plan which will apply to this year and all years moving forward. Then there is an Addendum that will provide specific details for the budget period. In this case, there is a BP3 Addendum. She then walked through the draft document to orient the team to the new structure, review the proposed activities and get input from the team on the workplan. In the ensuing group discussion, some suggestions were made to revise the language for clarity and to improve the information provided, but overall, the new document was viewed as a positive step for everyone.

As a next step, KDHE staff will incorporate the suggestions today into the comments in a revised draft. This revised draft will be provided to KALHD to distribute to its Board in advance of the April 1, 2026 meeting. Natalie and Amber will attend that meeting in person after the Governor’s Public Health Conference (GPHC) to provide an overview of the changed document format and the few areas where the activities have been revised or updated. After that presentation, the KALHD Board will review and presumably approve sending a letter of concurrence to KDHE in support of its application to the federal government for budget period 3 funding.

**General PHEP Updates**

Individual team members provided the following updates to the group.

Natalie Savage shared that based on what KDHE is hearing, level PHEP funding from CDC is currently anticipated for next year. She also shared that KDHE is very pleased with the continuation applications they have received from the locals and the addition of a project summary field in the applications captured the benefits and successes of PHEP which is really helpful information for discussions KDHE has with the CDC.

Nancy Griffith shared that she is extremely proud of the PHEP partners who submitted applications on time and successfully navigated the new KGMS release.

Randy Bowman provided an update on discussions on the federal budget from his recent meeting with other states that was hosted by NACCHO. He is hearing that Congress added language to appropriations bills that is intended to provide more stability and that level funding is likely to be our experience this year and in the near future.

Natalie Savage also shared that an email was sent out this morning with a survey link which is part of the process of gathering stakeholder input in preparation of Kansas's jurisdictional risk assessment. A second survey will be sent approximately 2 weeks later and she asked participants to please complete the surveys and to share the links with others to help ensure good representation from across the state in the responses.

### **Meeting Cadence for SFY2027**

Randy Bowman asked participants if the same August/November/February/April meeting cadence will meet our expected business needs for the next year. He also proposed that will try to avoid overlapping with another Wednesday meeting at 11:00 which happened inadvertently this year.

KDHE shared that they recently received new guidance from the federal government as to membership of this group. They will review this information and coordinate with KALHD on future meeting dates and if necessary potential additions to the membership. Pending any changes needed based on that guidance, KALHD will send appointments based on this meeting schedule in late spring or early summer.

### **Adjourn**

Randy Bowman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting TBD sometime in August 2026.