

Executive Director Report April 14, 2026

Organizational Updates

- Payments have been received from 94 LHDs for 2026 KALHD dues and 62 of those also paid for NACCHO membership. Late notices sent to 6 LHDs and 3 have affirmed that payments are in process (Decatur, Sherman, Wabaunsee) and should arrive soon. The other 3 still awaiting response (Dickinson, Ford, Haskell) from April 10th outreach.
- Karla Nichols, Reno County, resigned her position as 5th District Alternate and KAC Representative after resigning from the Reno County Health Department. Pursuant to our by-laws the Alternate position will remain vacant until our next election of officers and the Board President appointed Jennifer Cure to serve as the KAC Representative for the rest of this year.
- Quarterly PHEP reimbursement request submitted to KDHE in the amount of \$13,883.16.
- Received notification from the Kansas Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, advising that the State would like to exercise its option to extend the PHEP contract. There was a technical error in the contract document which they indicated will be fixed and new documents will be provided to KALHD for signature.
- Received confirmation of cancelation of the credit card agreement with Card Pointe. Credit card payments for MYM will instead go on account held by KAC who will then bill KALHD for our share of those fees.
- Secretary of State Lobbyist Report submitted for the month.

Project Updates

- MYM update. Registration is active with 37 received so far and hopefully many more to come. If anyone has any problems with registration please let me know, but it seems to be going smoothly. Solicitations to potential sponsors or advertisers were sent to 142 individuals/organizations. These last few weeks will be finalizing details in the program, applying for nursing CEUs, finalizing food and snacks, printing materials, and other miscellaneous tasks. Hopefully we will see all LHDs represented at this year's MYM.

- PHEP Updates
 - A newsletter article was written and submitted to KAC for publication to KAC members and County Commissioners on the new ASPR Strategic Plan for 2026-2029. This satisfies a PHEP contract requirement.
 - Concurrence letter approved by the Board at our April 1st meeting was finalized and provided to KDHE on April 3rd.
- Presentation at Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) conference. I have been invited back to address Commissioners again this year and will do so on April 24th in Hutchinson.
- Submitted survey response to NACCHO to express interest in becoming a participant in the 2nd cohort their project with the CDC on their Administrative and Legal Preparedness Toolkit and Training Project. If we are one of 10 states selected, this project will help develop a Kansas specific toolkit and training focused on legal and administrative preparedness. The timeline may not be workable, but this is a non-binding response and my hope would be that we can see some flexibility to avoid work in June, or be first in line for a 3rd cohort if timing just does not work this time.
- Initiated conversation with KDHE WIC Leadership (Derik Flerlage and Alyson Dalrymple) regarding discussion at our April 1st Board meeting. Tentatively we will have them present at the May 19th Board meeting on the recommendations of the funding formula workgroup and next steps. Also shared information on Rush County which they are looking into.
- The auditor from SSCCPAs is scheduled to complete onsite fieldwork for our annual financial audit on May 5, 2026.

Federal Updates

- The President released his 2027 Federal Budget proposal on Friday, April 3, 2026. This proposal contains many of the same concerning proposals that Congress rejected from his 2026 request. To avoid those reductions in spending that would affect LHDs and public health, continued coordination and collaboration with many stakeholders will be important as the budget process unfolds in the months ahead. NACCHO has circulated an analysis of the budget which is available [here](#). And the statement by the National WIC Association is available [here](#).

Kansas Legislative Updates

- The Kansas Legislature has adjourned for the final time for the 2026 session. When they concluded business in the early hours of Saturday, April 11th, a few additional bills were passed that will next be considered by the Governor to sign, veto, or become law without her signature. That process will happen over the next couple of weeks.

- After the outcome is known of those last bills, a wrap up summary of bills passed this session will be shared with LHD Administrators via email.
- There will be interim legislative committees meeting through the summer and fall as is customary. But the full legislature will not reconvene until January 11, 2027.

Important Dates to Remember

- May 19, 2026 KALHD Board meeting (virtual)
- June 15-16, 2026, the 2026 Mid-Year Meeting will be held at The Pavillion at Madison Avenue Central Park located in Derby, Ks.
- Data Day on June 17, 2026