

**KALHD Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026 – revised 3.27.26**

Board Members

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Lynnette Redington, District 5 Representative
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alt/KAC
Debra Anthony, District 6 Alternate
Charlie Hunt, At-Large #1
Adrienne Byrne, At-Large #2

Attendees

Beverly Wendel	Dawn Jones	Lori Eichman
Susan Moore	Laura Hageman	Dana Rickley
Sara Hodges	Ally Henley	Tia Mattheyer
Meckenzie Kelly	Melissa Miller	Derik Flerlage
Jennifer Hurst	Misty Trudeau	Aaron Davis
Karen Winkelman	Kendra Glassman	Cristi Cain

Staff

Randy Bowman, Executive Director

Call to Order

Krista Schneider, President, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Board Roll Call

Randy Bowman, Executive Director, conducted a roll call of Board members in attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present for conducting business.

Approval of Agenda

Krista Schneider asked for a motion to approve today's agenda. **Karla Nichols moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Adrienne Byrne. The motion was approved.**

Approval of Minutes

Krista Schneider referenced the January 2026 minutes provided with the meeting materials and asked for a motion to approve them. **Faye Jones motioned to approve the minutes, and Adrienne Byrne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

Monthly Financial Report

Shalei Shea, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the financial report for January 2026.

For the month, KALHD realized a net financial gain of \$74,820.89 with \$86,682.13 in total income and \$11,861.24 in total expenses. The ending bank balance was \$494,105.47.

Brie Greeson motioned to approve the report for January and place it on file. Jennifer Cure seconded the motion which was approved.

Bureau of Public Health Services

Randy Bowman introduced Derik Flerlage, Senior Deputy Division Director for Public Health, KDHE as our invited guest speaker for this agenda item and WIC Funding. Derik shared that a last-minute change is that Alyson Dalrymple, Director Bureau of Public Health Systems, is unable to attend because she has been called to active military duty.

Derik then provided an overview of the recent organizational structure changes within KDHE (slides attached).

WIC Funding

Derik Flerlage presented to the Board on the history and present funding mechanisms and amounts for the KDHE administered WIC program (slides in same attachment). He also responded to questions after his presentation.

Note: KALHD will compile a list of questions from the chat and discussion and ask KDHE to please respond to them.

Legislative Updates

Randy Bowman provided a brief update in the interest of time after the WIC discussion on a few new things that have happened since last Friday's legislative update was published.

This week the House and Senate are scheduled to be in chambers Tuesday-Thursday to debate and work bills in advance of Turnaround which is on Thursday the 19th. Today the House lists 55 and the Senate 31 bills on their calendars to be worked. Examples of bills on those calendars today that are of specific interest include HB2491 requiring state agencies to submit quarterly reports on non-citizens receiving services, HB2489 which would require school districts to provide opioid education and thanks to Leslie Campbell working with her Representative has been amended to specifically cite LHDs as one of the entities districts can cooperate with for this work,

HB2555 on rural health transformation program funding oversight by the legislature, SB448 on expedited partner therapy, and SB390 on food dye in school food.

The Senate Ways & Means Committee did not finish their budget bill yesterday as had been scheduled. They will meet sometime this week on a “call of the chair” to finish their budget bill. In their meeting on Monday, there was some debate about the practice of using proviso’s in budget bills to enact policy instead of having policy committees hold hearings and pass legislation. No decision was made Monday, but if they agree to a position later this week, it may be useful in future conference committees with the House. Particularly when the House has a proviso to require KDHE to follow the CDC immunization schedule.

Krista Schneider mentioned seeing that KPHA sent out a letter for members to send to their Legislator encouraging them to oppose the immunization proviso. Randy shared that this is part of an ongoing collaboration between KALHD and KPHA on legislative matters and their voter voice software is a helpful tool.

KDHE Updates

Cristi Cain, KDHE, provided the following updates.

Governor’s Public Health Conference

As a reminder this event is scheduled for March 30, 2026 as the pre-conference with the general session on March 31st and April 1st. She shared that registration is open and that as of now there are no hotel rooms available at the Hyatt, however sometimes rooms do open closer to the event. The Fairfield and Drury are other options for a hotel room.

KDHE has allocated PHIG funding to provide one scholarship for each health department for this event. That information was sent out with the code to accept the scholarship.

The pre-conference will be about shared services; she encouraged everyone to attend. This will also serve as this quarter’s regional meeting. There will be breakout activities by region.

Drug Endangered Children Conference

Registration will open soon for this event on April 28, 2026 in Wichita. More information will be provided soon.

The Pulse of Public Health a County Commissioner’s Guide

The first of 3 scheduled sessions will be hosted by KDHE on April 17th and will be about the value of public health. The second session will be on June 12th on the role of local boards of health and a third session on July 24th on public health financing. All sessions will be held at noon and last :30 minutes to allow Commissioners who work during the day to attend over the lunch hour.

Pre Funding Organizational Questionnaire (PFOC)

KDHE has been receiving questions about this new requirement with the Aid to Local Grants. It is a requirement from KDHE fiscal to determine if the necessary financial and administrative

processes are in place to accept awards and process funds appropriately. This process will help identify if anyone needs technical assistance and helps KDHE to meet state and federal grant requirements. A common question has been whether the questions are to be answered based on the County or the LHD. She shared that this depends upon the UEI and FEIN number used on the grant application. If those are county numbers, the questions should be answered from the perspective of the county. Or if the numbers are for the LHD, then questions should be answered from that perspective. If you need help to determine the numbers used in prior grant cycles, feel free to reach out to KDHE at kdhe.atl@ks.gov.

WSU Updates

Aaron Davis provided the following updates.

2026 Billing Symposium

Registration has been open for about a month for this event which will be held on April 28-29, 2026 at the WSU Eugene M., Hughes Metropolitan Complex in Wichita. So far 60 registrations have been received, which is a good start and based on prior years could see 100 to 115 by the event. The design team is putting together topics but if anyone has something to add to that conversation, please let him know so he can share that with the design team. [2026 Local Health Department Billing Symposium](#)

Elevate Kansas

This is a network of community health coalitions, as well as other folks that are just trying to do good work in their communities across the state. WSU has a new program that they offering this year called Coalition Academy. It is a 6-month program to help someone go from wanting to galvanize the community to having a fully-fledged coalition with bylaws and understanding state connections and resources. So, if your or anyone in your department or in your community can help spread the work, please continue to tell them about Elevate. [Upcoming Trainings – Elevate Kansas](#)

Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)

He shared that he had a conversation with the Kansas Hospital Association recently, where they mentioned some regional grants that are coming out in March with tight window of time for applications. He hopes to see hospitals and LHDs team up to come up with some innovative solutions for their communities.

Patterson Family Foundation (PFF) Grant Cycle

He shared that PFF has opened another grant application cycle and this might be something for LHDs in rural communities to look into. [Available Grants - Patterson Family Foundation](#)

KAC Updates

Karla Nichols shared that the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) sends out its publication of the Kansas County Current on a weekly basis. If you are interested but not receiving this currently feel free to contact Amy addington@kansascounties.org at KAC for assistance. County Day at the Capitol is on March 3, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kansas Capitol. And the Friday at

2:00 p.m. weekly legislative liaison meetings continue throughout the legislative session and you are welcome to attend.

Report from the Executive Director

Randy reported out highlights from the written report that is included with the Board materials.

- He shared that 69 LHDs have paid their annual KALHD dues and 45 of those chose to continue their NACCHO membership. Dues are due March 31, 2026 so those who have not yet paid have a few more weeks.
- Next week he will attend NACCHO's meeting for organizations like ours from all states and take part in Hill Day at which he will have an opportunity to meet with staff of our Kansas Congressional Delegation. WIC funding will be a high priority for those discussion.
- There have been a few counties recently who changed their email address domain to .gov so he reminded LHDs to please let KALHD know when those occur to help keep access to the listserv active.
- The email he sent last Friday about creating a new listserv group for WIC Coordinators has been popular with 56 departments responding so far with 106 staff for the group. He recognized Charlie Hunt and his Coordinator for the idea and reminded members to send him an email with names, county, email address for those who want to be included. When those requests slow, he will build the listserv for this group.
- As follow up from January, the WIN Innovation Grant application by KHI that included contributions from multiple stakeholders including KALHD has been submitted. Awards are forecast to be made in the fall of 2026, and if awarded KALHD could generate a little bit of added income (\$5-7,000 annually) from participation in this effort.
- No meetings on the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) have been hosted by KDHE since our last meeting. KDHE has briefed multiple legislative committees on this funding source and the process which might have contributed to no meetings during this time. He shared that has met with Dr. Vickie Collie-Akers with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) about one part of the plan that KUMC will lead. This will focus on providing targeted technical assistance for communities to have a conversation about delivery of healthcare and possible improvements. This may or may not be the same project that Aaron referenced in his report.
- KALHD will take part in County Government Day at the Capitol and will have assistance from KPHA in staffing the table for that event.

- Lastly, he reminded everyone that we will have our next Board meeting in person (with hybrid option) at the Governors Public Health Conference on April 1, 2026. So, we will not meet virtually on our regular 3rd Tuesday during March.

Discussion for Board Members and KALHD Members Only

Prior to discussing the next agenda item, Jennifer thanked our guests for attending and asked them to please leave the meeting. These minutes will only reflect the final actions/decisions from this discussion.

Open Discussion

KALHD will send WIC questions from the presentation and this discussion to KDHE and ask them to please follow up with responses.

Adjournment

Krista Schneider asked for a motion to adjourn. Brie Greeson made the motion, which was seconded by Adrienne Byrne and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.