

**KALHD Board Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2026**

**Board Members**

Krista Schneider, President  
Teresa Fisher, President Elect  
Shalei Shea, Secretary-Treasurer  
Angie Kahle, District 1 Representative  
Courtney Murrow, District 2 Representative  
Faye Jones, District 2 Alternate  
Leslie Campbell, District 3 Representative  
Ray Finley, District 3 Alternate  
Brie Greeson, District 4 Representative  
Lisa Scott, District 6 Representative  
Charlie Hunt, At-Large #1

**Attendees**

Beverly Wendel	Dawn Jones	Misty Trudeau
Karen Winkelman	Jennifer Hurst	Jamie Johnson
Tia Mattheyer	Dennille Schweitzer	Ty Kane
Lori Eichman	Kendra Glassman	Cristi Cain
Laura Hageman	Jamie Downs	Shelly Schneider
Beth Brown	Lindsey Ensley	

**Staff**

Randy Bowman, Executive Director

**Call to Order**

Krista Schneider, President, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 the agenda. **Faye Jones moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Leslie Campbell. The motion was approved.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Krista Schneider referenced the April 1, 2026 minutes and asked for a motion to approve them. **Teresa Fisher motioned to approve the minutes and Courtney Murrow seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

### **Monthly Financial Report**

Randy Bowman presented the financial report for March 2026 on behalf of Shalei Shea, Secretary/Treasurer who joined the meeting after this agenda item was addressed.

For the month, KALHD realized a net financial gain of \$24,900.27 with \$38,373.87 in total income and \$13,473.60 in total expenses. The ending bank balance was \$526,750.49.

**Leslie Campbell motioned to approve the report and place it on file. Faye Jones seconded the motion which was approved.**

### **Discussion on 2027 KALHD Dues**

Randy Bowman provided an explanation of the 2027 KALHD Dues Calculations table that is included with the materials for this meeting. This table is based on the same base and per capita rates as the past year and the population data will need to be updated when it becomes available from the state in July 2026. He also shared that based on a projection of expected expenses and adjustments for inflation, KALHD is projected to operate with positive margins for the years 2027-2030 if no adjustments other than updated population figures are made for 2027. He then opened this up for discussion and with no comments on the table he will plan to present it on the June 2026 Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) agenda for a vote by the membership in attendance at that meeting to adopt this dues formula for budget year 2027.

### **WSU Updates**

Ty Kane shared his reflections on the recent Governor's Public Health Conference and appreciation for seeing folks in person and then provided the following updates.

#### *Community Health Assessment (CHA)*

Tomorrow is the second session of a three-part webinar series on community health assessments. This series is focused on collecting, interpreting, and using both primary and secondary data to inform local CHAs and helps to build local capacity to do more work like this independently in the future.

#### *Billing Symposium*

This event is coming up next week on April 28-29, 2026, at the WSU Hughes Metroplex in Wichita. He offered that if anyone has any questions or has not registered and is interested please let him know and he will help make connections to this opportunity.

#### *Local Public Health Leadership Series (LPHLS)*

He shared that the most recent cohort of participants completed their final session last week. And the current plan is to offer another course in the spring of 2027, details to be finished and announced in the future.

### **KDHE Updates**

Cristi Cain provided the following updates.

#### *2026 Governors Public Health Conference (GPHC)*

She thanked those who attended the conference. Planning for 2027 will begin and she asked attendees to please place any ideas for 2027 in the chat during her remarks today. She also shared that KDHE is planning to start a survey soon to assess interest in considering a different location for this event in 2028. KDHE is considering the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, Ks which is one of the few other options that can meet the need for this event.

#### *Pulse of Public Health*

The first of three planned sessions was held last week to provide training for County Commissioners in their role as members of the Board of Health in their county. The next dates are June 12, 2026 and July 24, 2026 and will focus on legal responsibilities of the Board of Health and funding for public health. She shared that KDHE has done a preliminary look at the evaluations completed by participants and then asked for any comments from participants in today's meeting who attended with their Commissioners.

Participants shared that positive comments have been heard from their Commissioners who attended and in some cases that led to more discussions locally that were helpful and informative. It was asked if KDHE could please post the link to the recording of the meeting at an accessible location on their website or elsewhere. Cristi confirmed that KDHE would post the link and may also explore working with the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) to see if they might host it there as well.

#### *KALHD MYM Presentation by Deputy Secretary Ashley Goss*

Cristi shared that the Deputy Secretary has asked her team for suggestions on topics she should include in her presentation this year. She shared that her team has suggested a follow-up on the shared services discussion at the GPHC and examples of what some local health departments are doing as a next step and providing an update on the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). She then asked the participants if they have suggestions for this session and a suggestion was to provide an update on any application KDHE may submit for another Drug Endangered Children grant. With that suggestion, she did confirm KDHE does plan to apply this year and that maybe more will be known at the time of the MYM that could be provided.

#### *Kan Be Healthy*

She provided a summary of the history of training opportunities for local health department nurses to conduct Kan Be Healthy screenings. After not being available for several years, this training was offered a year ago using PHIG funding for local health departments and was well attended with 95 participants. Another opportunity is scheduled for May of 2026, however

registration for this year is low. She asked for input on continuing the training as scheduled, postponing, or cancelling. Based on the discussion, the consensus from KALHD is that KDHE should postpone the May 2026 training and offer this training in 2027 as an every other year training.

### **2026 Wrap Up Legislative Session**

Randy Bowman provided a brief update.

The Kansas Legislature has adjourned for 2026 and will return in January 2027. In the veto session held on April 10-11<sup>th</sup> a few other bills were passed and as of this morning 11 of those are pending action by the Governor. This will be the final activity from this session and as the Legislature has adjourned there will not be an opportunity for them to try to override any bills the Governor may veto. He shared that once the outcome of these bills is known, which could be as late as April 30<sup>th</sup>, he will send a summary of all bills passed this session to LHD Administrators.

He then also shared updates on some key actions from this session that will be included in that final summary, including:

- The Legislature was unable to override the Governor's line-item veto of the proviso language in the budget bill that would have required KDHE to implement the CDC immunization schedule. So, a legislative success to have avoided that becoming law.
- Senate Bill 254 which would have implemented new requirements of non-citizens receiving some state and federal benefits was vetoed and the Legislature did not override that veto. This will not become law.
- Senate Bill 522 was this year's try to weaken immunization and overall public health efforts also did not become law.
- Substitute for House Bill 2250 did become law as a conference committee package of policies, including the implementation of law that will support expedited partner therapy in Kansas. An effort some have been working on for many years, so it was a success to see this passed.
- House Bill 2489 requires school districts to implement new drug education programs, and thanks to Leslie Campbell and her Representative the language does specifically include LHDs as an entity schools can work with to provide that education.
- House Bill 2116 requires cities and counties with populations under 35,000 to add provisions of a form called a DA-146 from the Kansas Department of Administration to all contracts. He advised those LHDs to work with their Commissioners to learn how this will be enacted in each county. He also advised there is a provision that would allow the commission to opt out of parts of the requirements.
- The KDHE budget is unremarkable in that no major cuts or additions. However, there is a 1.5% cut to operations expenditures to KDHE and some other agencies which should not affect funding for LHDs.

- In whole, the Legislature approved a budget that exceeds projected revenue in fiscal year 2027 by about \$600,000. A figure that may change when the new consensus revenue estimate is published this month, which could even be later this week. Revenue has failed to meet projections 5 of the last 6 months, so if those projections are reduced it may create a bigger budget deficit that must be covered by reserve funds.

He also shared that there are other bills that may be of interest to some around nurse education, pharmacy practices and other topics, all of which will be included in the future summary. Charlie Hunt also mentioned Substitute for House Bill 2357 which provides for the sealing and expungement of court records and consideration of mediation in eviction actions as a positive given its potential to improve access to housing.

### **Executive Director Report**

Randy shared some highlights from the written report that is included with the Board materials.

- Karla Nichols, Reno County, resigned her position as Administrator of the Reno County Health Department and with that from the KALHD Board as the District 5 Alternate and KAC Representative. Based upon that, per our by-laws the alternate position will remain unfilled until the next election in December of 2026 and the Board President has appointed Jennifer Cure to be the KAC Representative. Thank you to Jennifer for taking on this added role!
- 97 LHDs have paid their annual KALHD dues and 63 of those chose to continue their NACCHO membership. Payments from others are still expected.
- KALHD was contacted by the Kansas Department of Administration who on behalf of the State and KDHE asked if KALHD is interested in exercising the option in our PHEP contract to extend our agreement for another three years. He signed the paperwork last week and it now must be signed by the Secretary of KDHE and the Director of Contracts and Purchasing at the Department of Administration.
- MYM on June 15-16, 2026 is approaching soon. He shared that the Day 1 agenda will be for Administrators and designees and on Day 2 we have invited our partners from KDHE and WSU to join use for the day. About 45 have registered so far and hopefully that will grow to 90 or so, that has been typical in recent years. We have received one paid sponsorship for \$750 and three others have asked for more information.
- He shared that he will be speaking at the Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) conference on Thursday of this week. This presentation will build upon last years and try to increase Commissioner knowledge of their responsibilities for public health and to gain more knowledge about what public health is. He will also promote the pulse series and training for Commissioners through the National Association of Counties (NACo). Slides will be shared with Administrators before the presentation so that if your

Commissioner asks you a question after the conference you are aware of the materials presented.

- In other comments he summarized that he has submitted a response to a NACCHO survey that if we are selected could be a resource to help develop legal training that is needed given the multiple changes enacted by the Kansas legislature in recent years. And we have invited KDHE WIC Leadership to be on the agenda on May 19<sup>th</sup> and they have tentatively accepted. This would be to hear about next steps after the WIC Funding Formula Workgroup completed its series of meetings last week. And work will begin next week to prepare for our annual audit which is scheduled to begin on May 5, 2026.

### **Discussion for Board Members and KALHD Members Only**

*Prior to discussing the next agenda item, Krista 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**

From this discussion feedback on these two topics will be shared with KDHE.

- 1) It would be helpful if KDHE could include in the May 2026 KDHE/LHD Monthly Meeting an agenda item covering the changes in site visit, auditing, and documentation requirements that were discussed as part of the GPHC pre-conference on shaping the future of Daisey. Not everyone was able to attend the pre-conference and hearing it a second time would be helpful for some who did attend.
- 2) Historically, an agreement existed between KDHE and LHDs that resulted in consistent activities and due dates across the multiple programs and funding streams administered by KDHE. And across time, some programs have changed resulting in different tasks, which are not always written down in guidance documents, and different due dates adding complexity to administrative tasks that are more time consuming and costly. KALHD would like to ask KDHE to please consider resumption of the historical practices of aligning these activities and due dates across programs and asks that Deputy Secretary Goss consider including an update on this in her remarks at our mid-year meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

Krista Schneider asked for a motion to adjourn. **Brie Greeson made that motion, Charlie Hunt seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**