

Executive Director Report June 8, 2026

Organizational Updates

- Final dues payment received for 2026. Thank you to all 100 LHD's for your continued support of each other as members of KALHD
- Two additional NACCHO dues collected from LHDs in the amount of \$580 and paid for the upcoming July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 membership cycle. Any LHD who missed this opportunity can always join directly through NACCHO at [Membership - NACCHO](#)
- Extension filed and confirmation received from the IRS to allow us to submit our annual tax return by November 15, 2026.
- Secretary of State Lobbyist Report submitted for the month.

Project Updates

- MYM update. Final preparations were the principle activity this month. We secured multiple sponsorships this year contributing \$3,500 to the event and one additional \$1,500 that in a recent update was stated as "highly likely" to be approved even though that did not come in time to include in our materials. Revenue received by KAC will be paid at the end of the month after month of receipt, so June revenue won't come until after July 31st. Except for credit card expenses paid by KAC, expenses should be final at the end of this month and should be under budget. Total registration for one or more day of MYM and Data Day is currently at 96 which is consistent with last year's 97.
- After reviewing additional information provided by KDHE WIC after their presentation to the Board last month, a letter was submitted outlining observations of the draft formula. A copy of that letter was shared on the Administrator listserv on May 28, 2026. Receipt was acknowledged but as of this report no response to the substance of the letter has been received.
- Auditors with SSCCPAs continue their work on our annual audit. No additional information or questions have been requested of KALHD since late May. No word yet on when they will be ready to present their report to the Board.
- Planning initiated with WSU for the next edition of the Billers Manual. Work would begin later this year with publication near year end.

Federal Updates

- Joined in a joint letter of support with Maine, other states, and public health organizations, sent to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations in support of sustaining federal funding in the budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2027.
- On June 4th the House Labor, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee released its proposed FFY2027 Budget Bill. The bill would provide \$189.3 billion in funding which is \$5.3 billion (3%) below the FFY2026 enacted budget. Which is a smaller reduction than the 13% proposed by the President. Next it will go to the full Appropriations Committee for consideration.
- In his remarks in his presentation on June 5, 2026, to the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition Kansas Senator Marshall expressed his commitment to WIC funding. He shared that in the past 2 years the House has proposed reduction in funding only to see it restored by the Senate in the final budget bill. He expects that pattern to repeat again this year and stated he will again support sustaining funding and asked advocates to help in that cause. He also mentioned the 21st Century WIC Act which would permanently allow participants to certify and recertify by phone or video. And indicated that positive conversations are happening that would address this before the current authorization ends on September 30, 2026.

Kansas Legislative Updates

- The last day to file for elected office was June 1, 2026. A list on the Kansas Secretary of State's Office shows that:
 - In 32 House seats, the incumbent filed and have no opposition so they will return next year. In 16 seats the incumbent did not file, so a new member will be elected. In one instance a new person filed and is unopposed, making them the 17th new member. The remaining 76 seats the incumbent has an opponent in one or both of the primary and general election.
 - Ten candidates (3 D and 7 R) officially filed for the Governor's Office
- The legislative website continues to show no interim committee meetings appear on the legislative website calendar. Beyond perhaps the Legislative Coordinating Council, most interim committees probably will not meet until after the primary.

Important Dates to Remember

- July 21, 2026, KALHD Board meeting (virtual)
- No Board meeting in August
- September 15, 2026, KALHD Board meeting (virtual)
- KPHA [Annual Conference](#), October 5-6, 2026, in Manhattan, Ks