

2026 Midyear Meeting
Final Report



Attendee Demographics

The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) occurred June 15-16, 2026. In conjunction with this event, on June 17th the Wichita State University-Center for Public Health initiatives (WSU-CPHI) hosted Data Day as an additional post-conference learning opportunity.

Attendee Highlights:

- **101** persons registered to attend the event
 - 79 LHD staff
 - 8 KDHE staff
 - 5 Presenters (who are not listed in other groups)
 - 3 WSU staff
 - 2 KHI
 - 2 Regional PHEP staff
 - 2 KALHD and KAC staff
- **40** participants signed up to receive CEUs.
- **58** of 101 registered to also attend Data Day
 - 20 registered for this day only
- **47** of 100 LHD's had staff register to attend
 - 36 LHDs had one staff person
 - 7 LHDs had two staff persons
 - 3 LHDs had three staff persons
 - 1 LHD had four staff persons

Trends in the data

- **47** Total individual LHD's represented is an decrease from 60 prior year
- **79** LHD staff is and from 78 last year
- **8** KDHE staff is equal to 8 last year
- **58** registered for Data Day is an increase from 43 last year

Prior Year Registrations

- **97** registered to attend the 2025 Mid-Year Meeting
- **100** registered to attend the 2024 Mid-Year Meeting
- **112** registered to attend the 2023 Mid-Year Meeting
- **98** registered to attend the 2022 Mid-Year Meeting
- **67** registered to attend the 2021 Mid-Year Meeting

Income/Expense Summary

Income	
Description	Amount
Member Registrations	\$14,800
MYM Sponsorships	\$5,000
Non-member Registrations	\$1,800
Total Income	\$21,600

Expenses	
Description	Amount
Meeting Space Rental	\$1,300.00
Lunch	\$1,718.37
Beverages/snacks/utensils	\$880.31
Credit Card Fees	\$580.90
KAC Staff Travel	\$483.03
Printing	\$415.53
Equipment (projector screen, stands, podium)	\$142.97
Nursing CEU Application	\$100.00
Name Tags	\$21.84
Total Expenses	\$5,642.95

MYM Profit	\$15,957.05
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Deposits

Payments directly to KALHD	\$4,500.00
Received by KAC paid to KALHD 5.1.26 (credit card payments)	\$1,000.00
Received by KAC paid to KALHD 7.9.26 (credit card payments)	\$10,800.00
Total Deposits Received	\$16,300.00

Revenue Not Yet Received from KAC (Total Income - Total Deposits Received)	\$5,300.00
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Notes on Income and Expenses

- Expenses do not include KALHD staff time, basic consumables (e.g., paper and printing Board packets, or costs for any reusable or borrowed equipment (cables, projectors, etc.).
- Net income projected in 2026 KALHD budget was \$9,055 resulting in MYM profit exceeding projections by \$6,902.05.
- Higher net income is mostly attributable to managing expenditures, projected revenue (\$20,000) was only slightly higher at \$21,600. And that increase is due to higher than anticipated sponsorship/ad revenue which totaled \$5,000 (projected at \$2,000).

Prior Years

- 2025 Profit **\$5,245.38**
- 2024: Profit **\$2,531.90**
- 2023: Profit **\$14,454.94**
- 2022: Profit: **\$5,811.58**
- 2021: Profit: **\$1,371.36**

Post-Event Evaluations

The next section of this report has the responses to the MYM evaluations completed by attendees. This section is a brief highlight of that feedback. Each question had five possible responses from highest of Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, to the lowest of Strongly Disagree.

- **95%** (N=34 of 36) of respondents rated the beverage, snacks and meals as either Strongly Agree or Agree that they met expectations.
- **95%** (N=34 of 36) of respondents responded either Strongly Agree or Agree that they were satisfied overall with the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **95%** (N=34 of 36) of respondents responded either Strongly Agree or Agree that the topics presented were appropriate and relevant.
- **95%** (N=34 of 36) of respondents responded either Strongly Agree or Agree that based on their experience they plan on attending the 2027 KALHD Mid-Year Meeting.
- **97%** (N=35 of 36) of respondents responded either Strongly Agree or Agree that they would recommend the KALHD Mid-Year meeting to other colleagues.
- **72%** (N=26 of 36) of respondents rated The Pavillion meeting space as either Strongly Agree or Agree that it was adequate.
 - This is significant change from the 100% rating for last year's location. This appears to be attributable to sound and visual systems that were not acceptable, less about the location, as several positive written comments about the building were observed.
- In the table below, the 6 individual feedback questions asked for each presentation were averaged together for one overall rating. The highest rated session was #2 by Brie Greeson at 4.31.

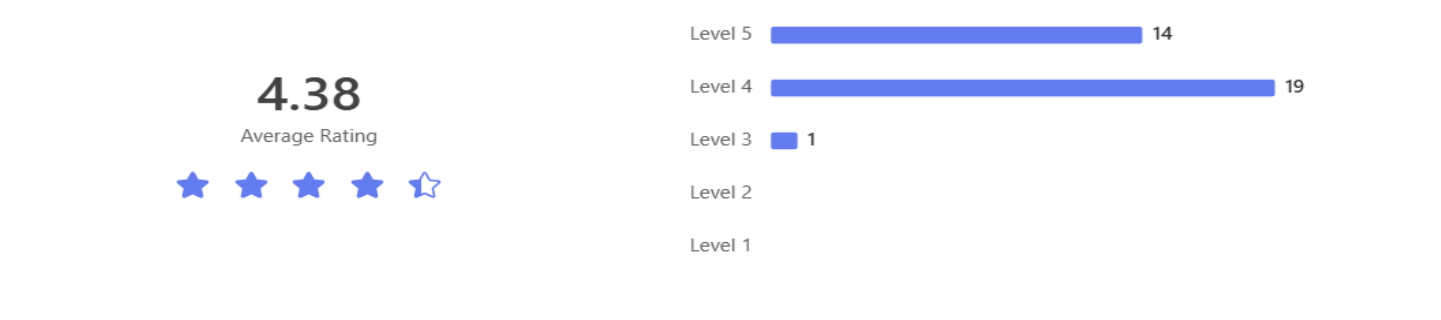
Session Number	Session Title/Presenter(s)	Overall Rating
1	The Wide World of Local Public Health by Randy Bowman	4.19
2	A Local Health Department as a Target for Property Tax Reduction Advocates by Brie Greeson	4.31
3	What Is Your Biggest Success Story by Randy Bowman	4.01
4	No Agenda, Just Coffee by Candice Sauers	4.01
5	What Is Ahead and Are We Prepared as Local Health Departments by Randy Bowman	4.18
6	Public Health Policy and Budget Updates: Federal Policy and NACCHO Advocacy by Adriane Casalotti	4.12
7	Revealing the Results of the 2025 State Formula Survey by Cristi Cain and Dr. Collie-Akers	4.00
8	Strengthening State and Local Collaboration by Dep. Sec. Ashley Goss	3.98
9	New Community Engagement Course for Local Health Departments by Avanthi Chatrathi	3.74
10	Inside PHAB Accreditation and Resources and How They Support You by Ashley Spangler	3.58
11	Data Day Using Data to Spark Action by Dr. Jolley	3.75
12	Data Day Survey School: Knowing Your Audience by Samiyah Para-Cremer Moore and Avanthi Chatrathi	3.54

Specific Responses

The following pages are the full results of the post-event evaluations for the 2025 KALHD MYM. These include the responses and resulting data from the software used by WSU and the narrative comments from participants.

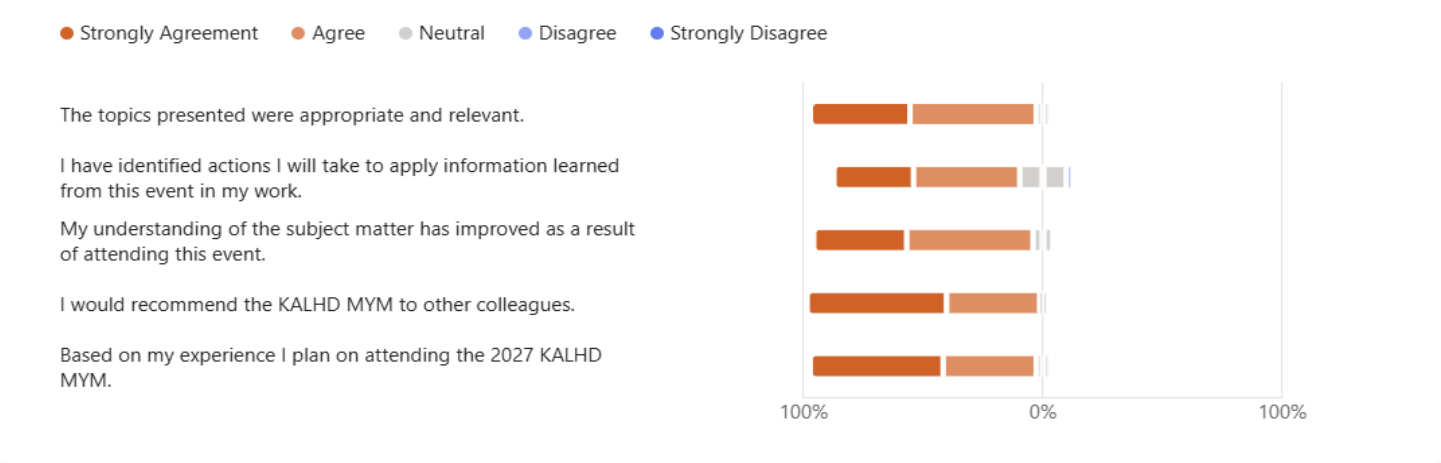
1. Overall satisfaction with the 2026 MYM.

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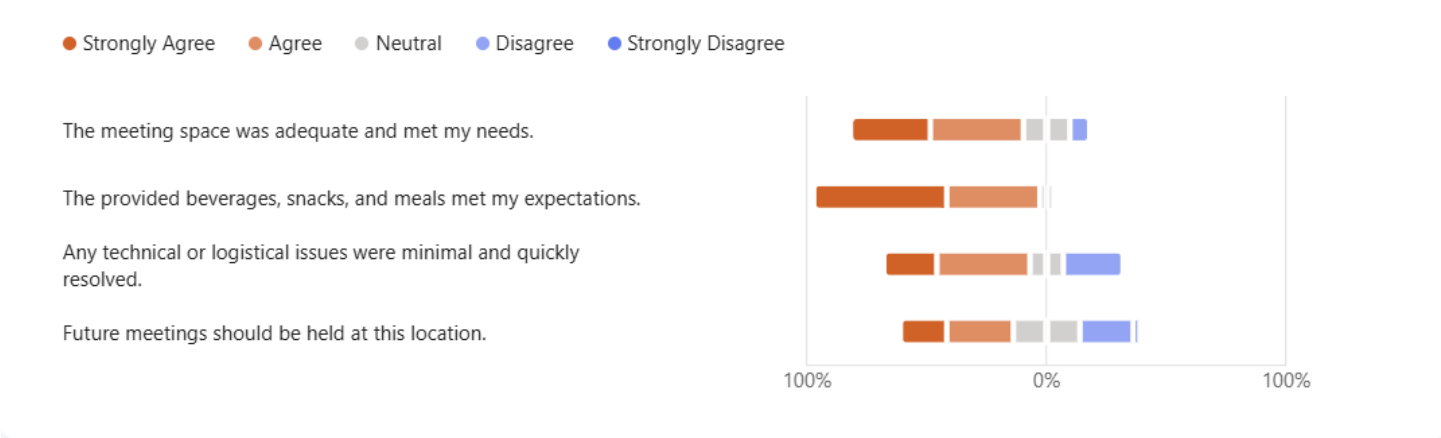
2. Overall Meeting Content Relevance & Clarity

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3. Meeting Environment & Logistics

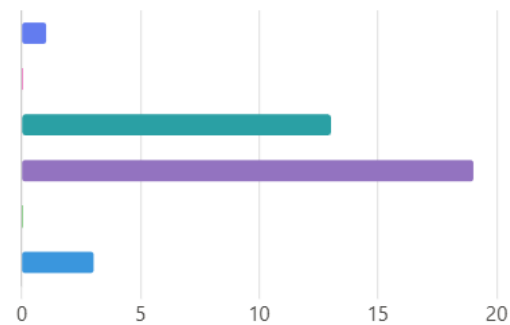
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4. Which day(s) did you attend?

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● MYM Day 1 only	1
● MYM Day 2 only	0
● MYM Both Day 1 and Day 2	13
● MYM Day 1, Day 2 and Data Day	19
● Day 2 and Data Day	0
● Data Day only	3



5. Session 1 **The Wide World of Local Public Health**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

This topic is relevant to my organizations current interest/needs.

I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify atypical or complex challenges encountered in local health department...

The presentation met the learning objective: Analyze peer-identified strategies and resources to support continuity of...

The presentation met the learning objective: Apply shared lessons learned to strengthen preparedness, problem solving, and...



6. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 1? **The Wide World of Local Public Health**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	None
2	anonymous	N/A
3	anonymous	Acoustic considerations
4	anonymous	It would be helpful to hold the event in a room that had some type of echo suppression i.e. carpet, wall hangings and a good sound system
5	anonymous	It was nice to hear about other health departments' struggles and weird cases.
6	anonymous	None

7. Session 2 – A Local Health Department as a Target for Property Tax Reduction Advocates

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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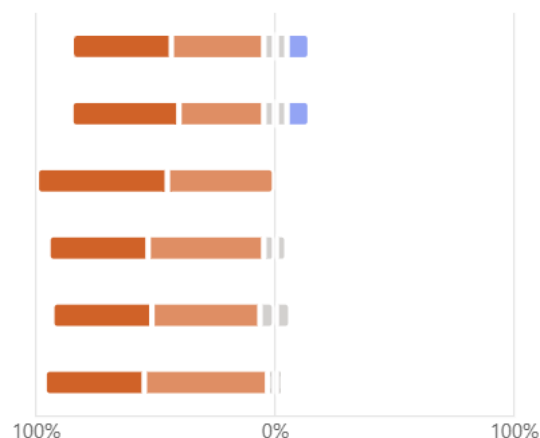
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify communication strategies that support transparency and trust...

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe approaches for maintaining essential health department services and...

The presentation met the learning objective: Evaluate leadership strategies that strengthen organizational resilience and...



8. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 2? A Local Health Department as a Target for Property Tax Reduction Advocates

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I appreciated Bree's input and perspective.
2	anonymous	None
3	anonymous	N/A
4	anonymous	None
5	anonymous	none
6	anonymous	As a PHEP Regional Coordinator, this session did not apply to my position. However, it was interesting to listen to.
7	anonymous	I have several takeaways from this session that I plan to make some changes within my health department. We just had a staff meeting discussing this session, so already we are putting the information into action.
8	anonymous	It would have been interesting to have a lawyer or counsel to help answer some questions
9	anonymous	Very interesting and timely topic.

9. Session 3 **What Is Your Biggest Success Story?**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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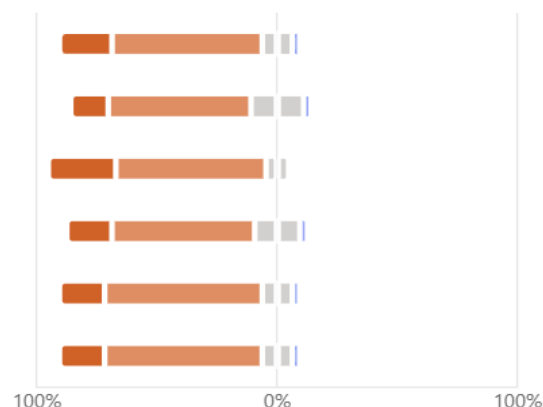
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify factors contributing to successful public health initiatives that enhance...

The presentation met the learning objective: Analyze peer examples to recognize strategies that support resilience and...

The presentation met the learning objective: Articulate how leadership and collaboration contribute to effective public health...



10. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 3? **What Is Your Biggest Success Story?**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	None
2	anonymous	N/A
3	anonymous	None
4	anonymous	none
5	anonymous	Hearing the wonderful things we do, as health depts, is heartwarming.
6	anonymous	Interesting responses from peers.

11. Session 4 **No Agenda, Just Coffee**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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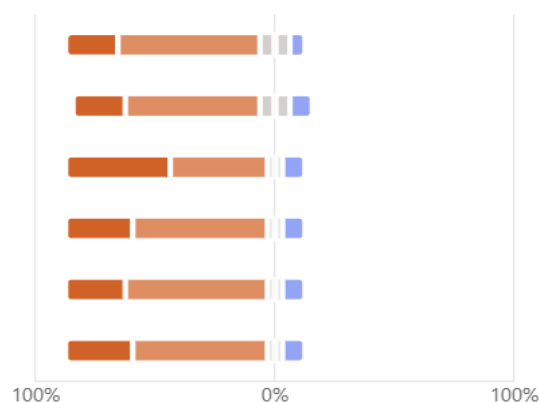
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective:: Recognize how trust is built through informal, relationship-based interactions rather...

The presentation met the learning objective: Apply techniques to identify and connect public health concepts within everyday...

The presentation met the learning objective: Develop strategies to build and sustain authentic community relationships over time,...



12. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 4? **No Agenda, Just Coffee**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	This presentation was thought provoking. I do wonder if the presented strategies were relevant for all people or just some. The base concept of authentic engagement strategies
2	anonymous	None
3	anonymous	N/A
4	anonymous	None
5	anonymous	none
6	anonymous	None
7	anonymous	I love this idea!

13. Session 5 **What Is Ahead and Are We Prepared as Local Health Departments?**

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● Strongly Agree
● Agree
● Neutral
● Disagree
● Strongly Disagree

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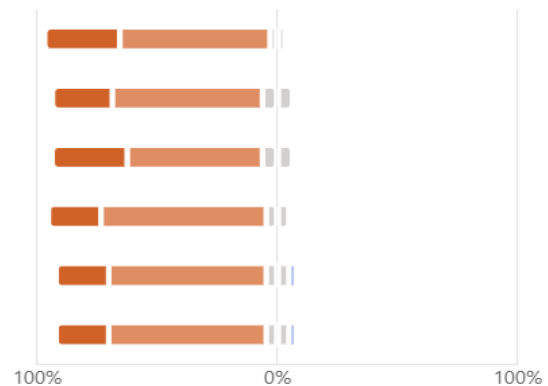
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify current and emerging challenges affecting local health department emergen...

The presentation met the learning objective: Differentiate between local and shared preparedness challenges across jurisdictions.

The presentation met the learning objective: Develop potential strategies to strengthen preparedness, response capacity, and...



14. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 5? **What Is Ahead and Are We Prepared as Local Health Departments?**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	None
2	anonymous	N/A
3	anonymous	None
4	anonymous	None
5	anonymous	It was nice to know we are all struggling and in the fight together
6	anonymous	none

15. Session 6 **Public Health Policy and Budget Updates: Federal Policy and NACCHO Advocacy**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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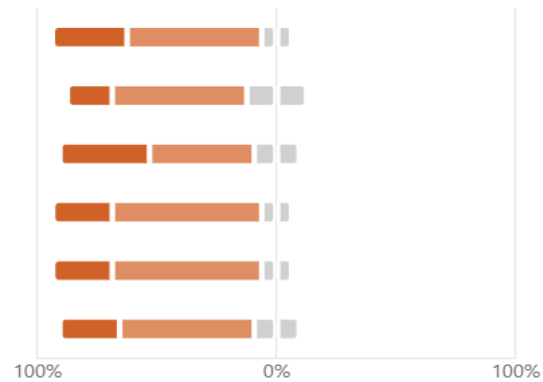
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify key federal public health policy and budget issues affecting local health...

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe how NACCHO advocacy efforts support local public health practice.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify NACCHO resources available to support policy, funding, and workforce...



16. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 6? **Public Health Policy and Budget Updates: Federal Policy and NACCHO Advocacy**

ID Name Responses

1	anonymous	None
2	anonymous	N/A
3	anonymous	None
4	anonymous	None
5	anonymous	NONE- Did not attend
6	anonymous	It was interesting to hear the national perspective and how their efforts effect us at the local level.

17. Session 7 **FY2027 State Formula Survey Results**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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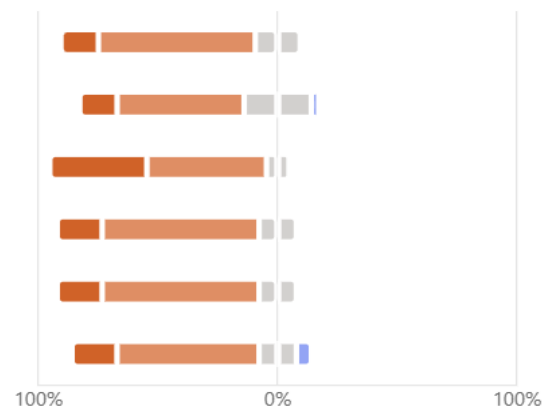
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify key challenges facing the Kansas public health system based on surv...

The presentation met the learning objective: Explain major trends and priorities impacting local health departments.

The presentation met the learning objective: Utilize survey findings to inform planning and resource allocation decisions.



18. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 7? **FY2027 State Formula Survey Results**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	The questions got more attention than the information. I did like the presentation a lot better and huge kudos to Carie for finding a way to present the dry information. Just a little more informative questions.
2	anonymous	Liked the trivia game idea on survey results
3	anonymous	Great way to present data.
4	anonymous	N/A
5	anonymous	None
6	anonymous	None
7	anonymous	Did not attend
8	anonymous	Some of the results were very surprising.

19. Session 8 **Strengthening State and Local Collaboration**

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Strongly Agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly Disagree

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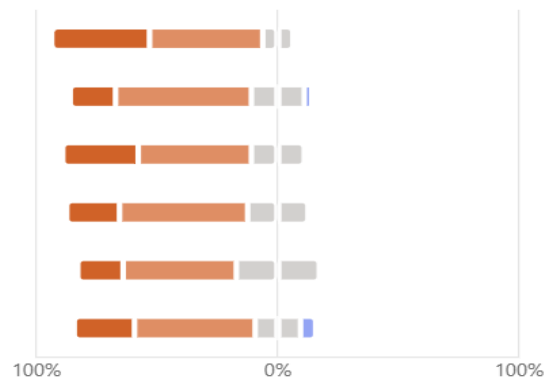
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe KDHE public health priorities affecting local health departments.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify opportunities to maximize the effective use of state public health resources.

The presentation met the learning objective: Recognize strategies to strengthen communication and collaboration between KDHE...



20. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 8? **Strengthening State and Local Collaboration**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I appreciated Ashley, Jade and Ashley being there.
2	anonymous	I don't feel like a lot of new information was shared and it was more of a gathering information session for the presenters. I have concerns about PHIG: after last year and the attempted claw back, the enhanced monitoring, etc., due to counties not having a specific spend down plan but it is a year later and the state does not have a plan...
3	anonymous	This is a tough topic. There were a lot of minor details that could not be known by the presenter. I walked away thinking the KDHE partnership with local health departments are a one-way street to KDHE.
4	anonymous	None

ID	Name	Responses
5	anonymous	N/A
6	anonymous	None
7	anonymous	None
8	anonymous	Appreciate Ashley being willing to share and listen!
9	anonymous	None- did not attend
10	anonymous	Collaboration is essential for the LHDs.

21. Session 9 **New Community Engagement Course for Local Health Departments**

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Strongly Agree
Agree
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Disagree
Strongly Disagree

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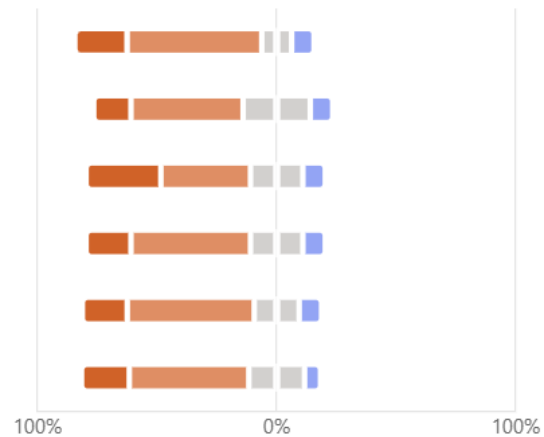
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe key principles covered by the course, including the Spectrum of...

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify educational resources available to support staff skill development in...

The presentation met the learning objective: Recognize opportunities to integrate course content into local public health...



22. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 9? **New Community Engagement Course for Local Health Departments**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	None
2	anonymous	N/A
3	anonymous	None
4	anonymous	None
5	anonymous	Did not attend
6	anonymous	I hope to participate in the pilot.

23. Session 10 **Inside PHAB Accreditation and Resources and How They Support You**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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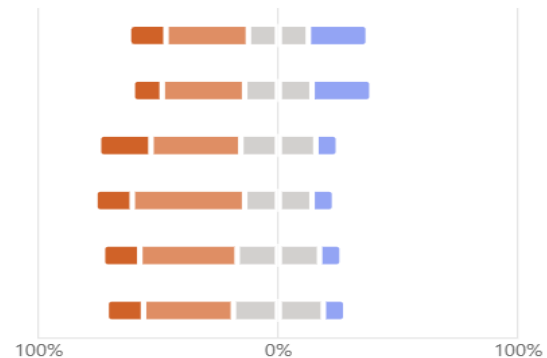
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe how PHAB standards and measures support public health practice...

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify PHAB resources applicable to small and rural health departments.

The presentation met the learning objective: Apply accreditation-related tools to strengthen organizational capacity and service...



24. Any additional comments or suggestions on Session 10? **Inside PHAB Accreditation and Resources and How They Support You**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	It feels like we have sessions on PHAB at every meeting we go to. As a small LHD, accreditation is near the bottom of a very long list of things to be done.
2	anonymous	None
3	anonymous	N/A
4	anonymous	None
5	anonymous	None
6	anonymous	Just does not apply to my position as PHEP Regional Coordinator
7	anonymous	I still don't believe that accreditation or pathways are feasible for health departments with less than 5 employees. We are already busy doing the day-to-day work that needs done, we don't have time for extras nor do we have extra money available.
8	anonymous	Did not attend
9	anonymous	Interesting. Not sure if we would be able to get local support.

25. Data Day **Survey School: Knowing Your Audience**

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● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

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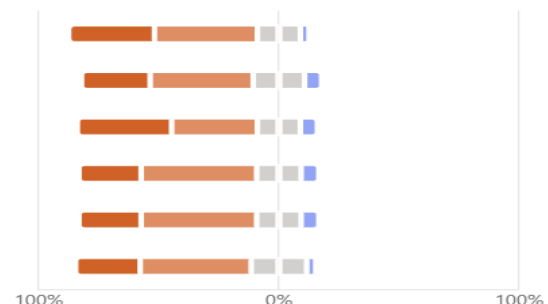
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Identify key audiences for survey and data reporting efforts.

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe how audience needs can influence data presentation.

The presentation met the learning objective: Recognize strategies for tailoring data communication to different stakeholder groups.



26. Any additional comments or suggestions on this session? **Survey School: Knowing Your Audience**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	The data walk was a very engaging and enjoyable experience.
2	anonymous	I think the feedback indicators for Questions 25 and 27 are mixed together. Some go with Dr. Jolly's presentation and some go with the KHI presentation and are in the wrong sections. I answered based on which presentation they are currently under.
3	anonymous	Did not attend
4	anonymous	Dr Sarah Jolly is great! I have heard her talk several times and she is very passionate and knowledgeable about.. everything data!
5	anonymous	None
6	anonymous	N/A
7	anonymous	None
8	anonymous	None
9	anonymous	I loved the data walk! I have talked to at least 3 people since returning home about the posters on the data walk and would love to share them with more people.
10	anonymous	I answered the last three questions based on the Data Walk presentation.
11	anonymous	Did not attend
12	anonymous	Great information as always.

27. Data Day **Using Data to Spark Action**

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● Strongly Agree
● Agree
● Neutral
● Disagree
● Strongly Disagree

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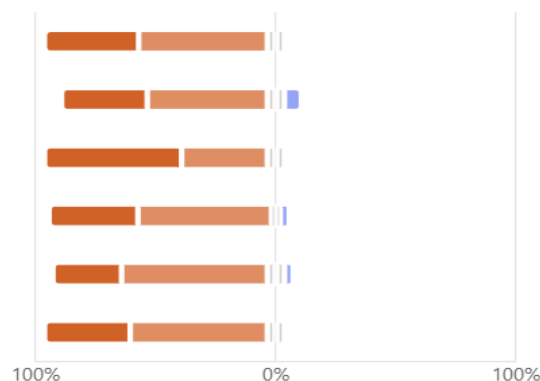
I will use the information presented to inform future decision-making.

The presenter(s) was knowledgeable and engaging.

The presentation met the learning objective: Describe the data walk model as a tool for community storytelling

The presentation met the learning objective: Design a community storytelling experience for your audience using data

The presentation met the learning objective: Apply strategies for facilitating meaningful conversations about data



28. Any additional comments or suggestions on this session? **Using Data to Spark Action**

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	Doing our own data walk felt very rushed. I'm not sure what I was supposed to learn during this session.
2	anonymous	I think the feedback indicators for Questions 25 and 27 are mixed together. Some go with Dr. Jolly's presentation and some go with the KHI presentation and are in the wrong sections. I answered based on which presentation they are currently under.
3	anonymous	Did not attend
4	anonymous	Data Walk was very interesting. Making the posters was great, but needed more time.
5	anonymous	None
6	anonymous	N/A
7	anonymous	None
8	anonymous	None
9	anonymous	Creating a data walk for our community is super helpful, there wasn't enough time or preparation to complete it though.
10	anonymous	The afternoon activity was really helpful, although I thought I was doing it wrong initially, I think it will be a good visualization to incorporate for reporting to my comissioners
11	anonymous	I answered the last three questions based on the Surveys presentation.
12	anonymous	Did not attend
13	anonymous	I appreciated the Data Walk activity. It did help me understand how they work. The second session was quite overwhelming because there was a lot of lecture and multiple steps described at the same time.

29. What topics would you like to see on the 2027 KALHD MYM agenda?

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I still think back to an Excel trainer from a previous Data Day. That was such a helpful session. Any session related to data abstraction and analysis is always appreciated.
2	anonymous	Better clarity on each grant expectation, possibly something like a guidebook for each
3	anonymous	Sessions that show how, or share detail, on how to do procedures or address changes in programs. For example, last year the WIC program brought upcoming changes to the meeting.
4	anonymous	Data, Update from KDHE (Like session with Ashley Goss), Ways to engage or promote community participation, Emergency Preparedness
5	anonymous	None
6	anonymous	KALHD accomplishments

ID	Name	Responses
7	anonymous	Grant writing do's and don'ts
8	anonymous	HR tips - how to have hard conversations with staff, how to navigate multiple personalities, etc., EHR user group meetings (Patagonia Health, Nightengale, etc), KDHE program discussions
9	anonymous	I really liked Brie's session this year and maybe expanding on that.
10	anonymous	As a state level analyst, I'm always interested in how the data is analyzed and presented.
11	anonymous	Maybe bring in HCC and really work on that relationship.
12	anonymous	Communication strategies to deliver timely messages to a wide audience.
13	anonymous	Human Resources for Public Health Directors, Leadership, more state/LHD conversations

30. Please list any additional thoughts or comments on the 2026 KALHD MYM.

ID	Name	Responses
1	anonymous	I was really happy to see that there was a travel reimbursement for my colleagues who had to travel further to attend the session. Thank you for offering that!
2	anonymous	i liked overall location of the meeting but the acoustics were not great, did enjoy having a nice outdoor space to go during breaks; I do like it in the Wichita/Derby area
3	anonymous	minus the mic issues it was great. Hard to hear and i like how the screens were moved on the other wall for day 2. could have taller screens to see at back
4	anonymous	Although the venue was lovely and accessible, the sound system left much to be desired, it was hard to see, and there were no private areas for phone calls, conversations, setting up snacks and meals, or lactation.
5	anonymous	I appreciate all the work that went into planning the meeting. You all do a great job. The venue had a few issues--technology issues and it echoed a lot. Overall though, I enjoyed the venue and the meeting!
6	anonymous	The microphone was distracting. The "move table strategies to network" just distract from the topic. We sit with the group we want to network with in the first place.
7	anonymous	The MIC issue was a problem, Data Day needed better food and drinks
8	anonymous	I was disappointed in Ashley Goss and her degrading response to Brie. That stops any conversation and willingness to share.
9	anonymous	I am so glad I attended this meeting. It provided a wealth of valuable information, and I appreciated the opportunity to interact with staff from other health departments. Sharing experiences, discussing challenges, and learning from one another made the meeting especially beneficial. I left with new ideas, useful resources, and a greater appreciation for the important work being done across our public health communities.
10	anonymous	None
11	anonymous	Change the scheduling to have the KALHD MYM last so that people that have a long trip can get back home.
12	anonymous	Great meeting! Would like to see a more central location in the state.

ID	Name	Responses
13	anonymous	I learned a lot of things that I will use in my every day of operation
14	anonymous	Great to connect with everyone!
15	anonymous	I really enjoyed the 2026 KALHD MYM. It was an intimate setting that I was able to visit with people that I don't normally get to interact with at other conferences. The meeting space was really nice; I liked the walking trail outside so I could sneak in a quick walk during the day.
16	anonymous	As a state level data reporter, these sessions were fascinating but not directly related to my duties, so my Disagree ratings for application of the content can be ignored.
17	anonymous	None
18	anonymous	The building was nice. The acoustics had an echo and there was a lot of distraction from outside noise. The microphone issue was difficult for all.
19	anonymous	At future meetings I would try to find a building that could be used as a mothers room. It was very stressful having to feed my baby in the bathroom, or outside.
20	anonymous	I thought the venue was good and reasonably priced. There was plenty of parking. I would skip the evening networking next year. Next year we will need a change in sound system and a backup.

31. Are you requesting nursing CEU's?

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- Yes 21
- No 14

