

Kansas Association of Local Health Departments

Minutes for Tuesday, October 20, 2009

10:00am Meeting

Salina-Saline County Health Department, 125 W Elm, Salina Kansas

Cindy Chrisman-Smith (Kingman) President	Michael Greene (SCMR) Phone
Patricia Hunter (Geary) Past-President	Dick Morrissey (KDHE)
Yvonne Gibbon (Saline) President-Elect	Sue Bowden (KDHE)
Dana Rickley (Clay) Secretary-Treasurer	Gina Frack (Norton) Phone
Marilyn Gamblin (Gray) District 1 (Phone)	Liz Conrade (Lyon) Phone
LaDonna Reinert (Lincoln) District 2 (Phone)	Lougene Marsh (Johnson) Phone
Claudia Blackburn (Sedgwick) District 5	Janet Wertzberger (Wabaunsee)
Lindsay Payer (Coffey) District 6 (Phone)	Bruce Miyahara (KHF)
Dan Partridge (Douglas) Member-at-Large (Phone)	Carrie Boetcher (Lyon) Phone
Fern Hess (McPherson) Member-at-Large	Diane Bertone (SEK) Phone

Call to Order – Cindy called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Approval of Business Agenda – Cindy presented the agenda for approval. Dana Rickley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Patricia Hunter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes – Cindy presented the August 2009 minutes. Dana noted an error in the dates on the minutes and financial report. She moved to approve the minutes with the corrections. Yvonne Gibbon seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Financial Report – Dana Rickley presented the September 2009 financial report. Fern Hess moved to accept the report as presented. Claudia seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Executive Director's Report – Edie Snethen presented her monthly report.

- KHF has asked to be added to our agenda at the January 2010 meeting.
- KHPA has a grant to position Medicaid enrollment staff person in western KS to replace what was lost in Access restructuring.

Old Business

Annual Meeting Plans – Edie presented the program for next month's meeting and preparedness training.

Financial Management Training – Lougene Marsh provided an update on the activities of the Financial Management Team. The team is working to develop financial management training to be presented next year. They are looking at six different topics. They have arranged to have to speakers at next month's meeting to speak on financial indicators and what's going on at the national level. They are Cheryll Lesneski and Peggy Honore. They are also working on the development of some policy and procedure templates related to financial management that will be available to members. There will be a survey sent out to KALHD members to determine the topics to be covered in the six training modules.

New Business

KDHE – Dick Morrissey and Sue Bowden –

- PHAB and the beta test. Six counties and KDHE applied to participate. One county was selected. KDHE was not selected. With support by the Kansas Health Foundation, they requested to have Kansas added as an additional state in the beta test. It was denied but PHAB was willing to include them in the initial training and allow Kansas to perform a parallel process. They will provide feedback to the state. Dick asked if KALHD was interested in participating in a "parallel" beta test. It would be a joint process going through the 11 domains to assess

capacity. No funds have been associated with this project at this time. Claudia responded that Sedgwick County HD would be interested. Edie reminded the group of the Public Health Planning process around accreditation that KALHD is working on. We need to make sure these projects run parallel with each other and do not conflict. It was asked which six counties applied to be in the beta test: Sedgwick, Douglas, Shawnee, NEK Multi-County, Franklin, and Norton. Norton was accepted.

- H1N1 – In looking at the projections, we made a lot of plans that now are being reassessed. We do not have the quantity of vaccine to support the current public/private approach and it looks like we will not have it for at least the next six weeks. Dick asked for feedback from the locals as to their sense of what the approach should be. Sue Bowden remarked that the vaccine allocations have not met projections so far and she does not want to rely on future projections for planning purposes because of that. Dick will work with Edie to schedule a conference call next week to discuss this fuller.
 - Cindy stated that she has found it difficult to find answers to questions in one place. She suggested that all information about vaccine be posted in one place.
 - Gina reported that was difficult to get people to take the LAIV. How do you get people to take them? If they refuse it, should I use an injectable dose when it is intended for other priority groups? Sue replied that she should stay with protocol. If they refuse the LAIV then they do not receive the dose.
 - Claudia stated that she needs help with setting priorities within the sub-priority groups. Because vaccine is limited, how do you choose who to prioritize within the priority group?

Communication from NACCHO on Survive and Thrive – Edie discussed the potential of Kansas participating as a pilot site to provide this program on a state level. The RFP will be released this month. Fern asked Edie to keep the Board informed of the progress and stated that the Board is very interested in participating.

Report on HIE Team in Kansas – Claudia Blackburn gave an update on the Health Information Exchange. There will be 70 regional extension centers to provide support to providers and get them involved. She asked the locals to help gather a list of private providers to be used in the application to become a regional extension center. 1200 names are needed for the application. If you do primary care services, please consider submitting your provider's name. Cindy remarked that she had concerns that a small LHD was not represented on the HIE Team. For those interested in participating, contact Edie. Cindy volunteered to participate. Bruce Miyahara suggested that KALHD create a team to provide feedback to the team members. Dana Rickley and Liz Conrade volunteered to work with Claudia. Shawnee County was suggested as a possible participant as well.

The Board adjourned for executive session and lunch at 12:15. The Board moved back into regular session at 1:15pm.

Nominations for 2010 – Lindsay Payer has agreed to run for President-Elect; Dana Rickley has agreed to run for Secretary-Treasurer and Yvonne is working on the rest of the list. Cindy proposed the possibility of changing the presidency to a two-year term. It would be helpful for the sake of continuity. Pat Hunter agreed with her proposal. Cindy suggested the Board discuss it in the future.

Update from KHF – Edie updated the Board on the Public Health Planning process. Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips has pulled out of the project. Edie recommended to the Board that KALHD continue on with this project with KPHA. She stated that it was important for the credibility of public health to finish what they committed to do with the Legislative Oversight Committee. She presented a proposed timeline for the project. Claudia moved that the board support the plan and the direction that has been proposed to Senator Barnett and meeting the commitment that was made to the Legislative Oversight Committee. Fern seconded the motion. Cindy asked to include in the resolution the language that we would welcome KDHE's participation in the process. Edie will draft the resolution. The motion was approved.

KALHD Representation with Sen. Brownback's Health Policy Committee – Gina Frack, Lindsay Payer, Yvonne, Cindy, and Claudia agreed to participate in a round table discussion on local public health. Claudia suggested that MCH be discussed, accreditation and local PH infrastructure support.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.