

Executive Director Report June 18, 2024

Organizational Updates

- Filed KIP reimbursement request submitted for May 2024 \$2,489.75 which is owed to KALHD.
- KDHE sent a contract to KALHD in May to extend through state fiscal year 2025 the current KIP contract. Under the terms of this extension, no new activities, only current activities may be continued for up to one year. No additional funding is available.
 - In summary, current activities include personnel to conduct immunization outreach/education (the Assistant Director position) and portion of Executive Director for administration, travel and training related to MYM and KAC conference registration for LHD's and KALHD, sub-contract with KAC for immunization outreach targeting County Commissioners, the Immunization Symposium and some funds for reimbursement of costs for office supplies and communications equipment.
 - Estimated one year cost to sustain all is \$163,335.04 and an estimated \$91,000 is available (June expenses not final to close out FY24).
 - Generally, KALHD could continue either all the member benefits and KALHD administrative costs (approximately \$91,982) **or** hire an Assistant Director (approximately \$72,144 salary, benefits, taxes) and sustain a portion (approximately \$20,000) of KALHD administrative costs.
 - Signed and returned the KIP contract extension on May 31, 2025 to preserve our opportunity. And have communicated with KDHE staff that a budget adjustment will be submitted based upon Board discussion and preference to either sustain member benefits or the AD position in the meeting today.
- Coordinated with NACCHO to finalize the invoice amount for LHD NACCHO membership dues paid to KALHD. Total collected funds are \$24,270. Last week emailed nine LHD's who are current NACCHO members but have not paid dues to either KALHD or directly to NACCHO to inquire if they want to be invoiced by KALHD and will pay those dues before we finalize the invoice. I anticipate finalizing it in the coming days and making the payment in July.
- Updated KALHD inventory of equipment and retained in business records for this year.
- Our payroll provider, Paychex, made errors in submitting KALHD payroll tax information for the month of May. This resulted in another financial penalty in the amount of \$67.95 paid in June. Paychex has agreed to credit that month off of future monthly fees and a formal request for credit on

prior fees has been submitted to another Paychex department per their instructions. Confirmed via telephone on June 11th, with the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) that Paychex did make corrections for the reporting period submitted on June 10, 2024.

- Submitted the required online information to SAM.gov to renew KALHD's registration, a required annual process.

Project Updates

- Ad hoc sub-committee on Workforce Investment Grants met on June 7th to review both additional information provided from previous applicants and one new application received by KDHE during the month of June. The sub-committee recommendations for the consent agenda item at the June 26, 2024 KALHD Board meeting were as follows.

Approval

- a. Shawnee County – reaccreditation for four years in the amount of \$33,600.

Denial

- a. Wyandotte County – training/professional development \$12,000. Serves one LHD and follow up response did not expand to statewide.
- b. WSU – training/professional development \$42,932 for one year or \$128,796 for three years. Follow up response was not willing to modify proposal to open this up to other age groups.
- c. KU – training/professional development \$21,000 for one year or \$42,000 for two years. Follow up response still lacks specific content, only examples of potential topics/speakers.
- d. KU - training/professional development \$69,000 for one year or \$138,000 for two years. Follow up response increased number served to 20 from 10, while reducing contact hours to reduce cost, but still a limited scope of impact for LHDs at a high cost.

At the request of KDHE, the item related to an online Behavioral Health application for selfcare/behavioral health was not considered by the sub-committee. They identified possible conflicts of funding this from this funding source and wanted to research that further before asking the sub-committee and KALHD to further consider this proposal.

- PHEP: The current contract for services between KDHE and KALHD expires on June 30, 2024. On June 18th, KALHD was requested to submit an additional form that was not part of the bid packet. That form was submitted and the Department of Administration staff person indicated that received proposals are being reviewed. Two requests for bid sheets have been submitted to the Department of Administration as per their guidance documents, however the response was that no bid sheets have been compiled. So, it is unknown to KALHD who else may have bid.

Two PHEP articles were written in May and submitted to the Kansas Association of Counties who published them in their June 2024 edition of the County Comment. The articles are a contractual obligation of KALHD under our PHEP contract and are targeted at increasing awareness of the importance of PHEP among County Commissioners, elected county officials, and county staff.

The 4th Quarter FY2024 PHEP Advisory Team meeting was held on June 17, 2024.

- The annual audit for KALHD business year 2023 is ongoing. Onsite work by two auditors occurred on May 16, 2024 and several rounds of questions have been received in the weeks since the onsite work. Those have been researched, responded to and additional supporting documentation provided as requested. As of June 11th, the primary auditor indicated all of the questions had been answered for now. I have asked for confirmation if we are on track for presenting the audit report at the July 16th Board meeting, but the auditor has not responded as of this report.
- Considerable attention and time was spent this month finalizing the details of this event. Thank you to the members of the KALHD MYM Planning Team and those individual members who have contributed your ideas and for sharing the history of this event with me. Your knowledge has been so helpful! And to Wichita State University (WSU) and Shelly Schneider for providing support in the planning and execution of the MYM.
- Completed the member requested HB2754 Implementation Guide and distributed it by email to administrators on June 5, 2024. This document has also been included with the materials for this meeting and appears as an agenda item for any discussions or questions.
- The first of its kind KALHD Immunization Symposium was held on May 20, 2024 prior to the Immunization Conference. Attendance was good and in-person comments at the event, and a few since the event, have been favorable. As of this report, final attendance numbers and evaluation results have not been received from Wichita State University (WSU). The contract cost for this event was \$14,000 funded by KIP grant funds.

Legislative Updates

- The 2024 Special Session began at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 after some committees met on Monday, June 17th (tax related). Public statements by the Governor and Legislative Leadership indicate that a tax agreement has been negotiated and will be introduced for a vote of the full Senate and House membership. Media and statehouse regulars alike are talking about the potential for additional action in the special session to approve a bill authorizing STAR Bonds for the potential construction of stadiums for the Kansas City Chiefs and/or Royals. Appearances are that other items will not be considered and the next day being the observation of the Juneteenth Holiday, which was likely a strategy to help ensure a short special session.
- With primary elections scheduled for August 6, 2024, few Interim Committees are anticipated to meet this summer. As meetings are scheduled in the summer and fall, KALHD will monitor those agendas whenever appropriate given the scheduled topics.
- The 2024 election will bring about changes in the Kansas Legislature, however the full extent of that will not be revealed until after the November 5, 2024 general election, and the subsequent election of House and Senate leadership and committee appointments that will happen late in 2024. At this point we can observe:

- Twenty current House members did not file for re-election and one passed away (Rep. Mason from McPherson)
 - Eleven current members of the Senate did not file for re-election or resigned
 - Nine current House members filed to run for the Senate
 - Forty-three House members and five Senators immediately won re-election because no opponent filed to run for office
- The next major legislative activity for KALHD will not begin until the fall. When, in accordance with our by-laws, the KALHD President will convene the Legislative Committee for the purposes of developing the 2025 Legislative Policy Statement that will be voted upon at the December annual meeting. But now is the time to begin thinking about our priorities; if you have ideas, please share them by whatever means is most convenient for you (e.g. call, email, etc.).

Important Dates to Remember

- July 16, 2024 KALHD Board meeting – virtual
- September 12-13 Kansas Public Health Associations 2024 Conference in Overland Park, Ks
- September 17, 2024 KALHD Board meeting – virtual
- October 2-4 The Kansas Prevention Conference in Wichita, Ks
- County Commissioner Roadshow – dates to be announced by KDHE soon (August-November)