

2024 KALHD MID-YEAR MEETING

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2024 Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) Mid-Year Meeting!

This event is uniquely designed by, and for, our membership, setting it apart in the landscape of public health gatherings throughout the year. Over the next two days, I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to network with your peers, discuss the opportunities and challenges you face together, and expand your professional network.

One of the greatest assets for a health department administrator is their peer administrators. This gathering reflects the collective expertise and commitment of local health department administrators. Engage with your peers, share your experiences, and collaboratively tackle the opportunities and challenges we all face. The connections you make here can significantly enhance your professional journey, providing invaluable support and insights.

Remember, the true strength of this meeting lies in our interactions. The presentations will offer fresh perspectives and knowledge, but the interactions and connections we foster are where the real value lies. Let's make the most of this opportunity to learn from one another, foster strong professional relationships, and strengthen our public health efforts across Kansas.

Here's to a productive and inspiring meeting!

Randy Bowman
KALHD Executive Director

Thank you to the 2024 Mid-Year-Meeting Planning Team for their many contributions to this event!

Heaven Schuette, Nemaha County
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And to our partners at Wichita State
University (WSU) and the Kansas
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AAron Davis
James Brewster
Taylor Carter
Tina Payne
Shelly Schneider

Continuing Education

Nursing: The Wichita State University College of Health Professions is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for 9.6 contact hours applicable for RN, LPN, or LMHT relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing provider number: LT 0090-0327.

Certificates reflecting the continuing education units received will be emailed to participants after attendance at all sessions and a completed evaluation have been verified. Please allow 30 days to receive your certificate.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 25

7:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 AM	Welcome - Randy Bowman, KALHD
8:40 AM	KDHE Changes & Program Highlights
9:40 AM	Break
9:50 AM	Informatics Assessment
10:50 AM	Break
11:00 AM	How Are You Approaching Workforce Development?
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	LHD Collaborations Panel
2:00 PM	Break
2:10 PM	Let's Talk: What is the role of public health in your community?
3:10 PM	Break with Snacks
3:20 PM	KDHE Preparedness Program Overview 2024
4:20 PM	Day One Adjourn

Wednesday, June 26

7:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 AM	Welcome - Randy Bowman, KALHD
8:40 AM	2024 State Formula Survey Results
9:40 AM	Break
9:50 AM	KALHD Business Meeting
11:50 AM	Lunch
12:50 PM	Leadership for Public Health in Kansas Communities
1:50 PM	Closing Remarks - Randy Bowman, KALHD
2:00 PM	Meeting Adjourn

KDHE Changes & Program Highlights

Jeni McDonald, MPH, Program Manager, Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Program Manager

Kansas is updating, educating and supporting the needs of our Title X clinics in a shifting reproductive health landscape. Learn about challenges and opportunities for growth and support.

Learning Objectives: • Participants will learn about the state of reproductive health in Kansas • Title X staff will provide goals, updates and training opportunities for SFY2025

Informatics Assessment

Taylor Carter, MPH, WSU CEI CPHI

Join us for a compelling presentation on the results of the "Local Public Health Department Informatics Survey," which assessed data management practices across 80 local health departments of varying population densities. This session will reveal key differences in the adoption and use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs), data collection methods, and information management strategies. We'll explore how these practices impact public health outcomes and discuss actionable recommendations to support health departments in enhancing their informatics capabilities, ensuring more effective data-driven decisions and improved public health services.

 Learning Objectives: Highlight Key Data Management Trends: Participants will understand how local health departments vary in their use of EHR systems, data collection, and storage methods across different population densities. Identify Opportunities for Improvement: Participants will learn about critical areas where local health departments can enhance informatics capabilities to support better data-driven decision-making and public health outcomes.

How Are You Approaching Workforce Development?

Shelly Schneider, BSN, RN, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

During this session, participants will be grouped by region to reflect on the Public Health Infrastructure/ Workforce Development Grant and identify possibilities for the upcoming years. This is an opportunity to learn what is occurring in each region and the public health system in Kansas as a whole. Discussion will also include how local health departments are approaching staff buy in and ideas for retaining staff. KDHE regional public health nurses/specialists will record responses and report out to the large group.

Learning Objectives: • Describe regional specific workforce development activities • Identify strategies for gaining staff buy in • List strategies for retaining staff

LHD Collaborations Panel

Shalei Shae, RN, McPherson County LHD; Krista Schneider, RN, Marion County LHD; Karen Winkelman, RN, Barton County LHD; & Wyatt Beckman, MPH, KHI

A panel of LHD leaders will present their stories of creative ways to solve challenges they face such as workforce shortages and service capacity. KHI will join the panel discussing the background of LHD collaborations and potential opportunities for working together to maximize resources available and meet the need. This is a moderated session with structured questions presented to the panel members and an opportunity for questions posed by the audience.

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 the different models of collaborations from informal to formal agreements. Identify Opportunities for Collaboration: Participants will learn how to include collaborations with other Local Health Departments as an option when facing challenges such as succession planning, workforce shortages, and demographic shifts.

Let's Talk: What is the role of public health in your community?

AAron Davis, WSU CEI CPHI; & Tina Payne, WSU CEI CPHI

As requested by a veteran public health leader, this session gives the participants an opportunity to meet, network, and discuss the role of public health in Kansas communities. Participants will be directed to breakout groups from similar population size designations, where they will be presented with a formal set of questions regarding the future of meeting the needs of their communities. The session will be facilitated, but interactive between participants.

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 Learning Objectives: Network with other LHD Leaders: Participants will be divided in the room by population designations (urban, rural, frontier, etc.) and have the opportunity for meeting leaders and holding small-group discussions. Discuss the role of public health: Participants will be presented with structured questions to discuss the needs their communities and the role public health plays in addressing those needs. 		

KDHE Preparedness Program Overview 2024

Rebecca Adamson, DrPH, MSN, APRN-C, FNP, Preparedness Section Director, Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE; & Luke Johnson, Training and Exercise Coordinator, Preparedness Program, KDHE

During this session, KDHE Preparedness Program staff will describe the history behind the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program as well as future goals for the program and the importance of Public Health Emergency Preparedness within the Public Health System. Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities will be reviewed along with the Public Health Response Readiness Framework. Upcoming budget period exercise requirements will also be discussed.

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the Public Health System. • Participants will become familiar with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness exercise plan for the coming budget period as well as understand the importance of ensuring planning and exercise activities are beneficial in a practical sense.

2024 State Formula Survey Results

Cristi Cain, MPH, Director, Local Public Health Program, KDHE

This session will include a presentation of results from the 2024 State Formula survey, an annual survey conducted with the local health departments to assess their status on a range of topic areas. It will provide a snapshot of the Kansas public health system, identified gaps, potential opportunities, and perspectives on the results. An interactive discussion about some of the findings will also be included.

Learning Objectives:						
 Participants will be able to identify challenges to the Kansas public health system based on the results shared Participants will be able to explain the most pressing issues facing the Kansas public health system reported in 						
the State Formula survey						

Leadership for Public Health in Kansas Communities

David Jordan, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund

The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund has been an active supporter of public and community health initiatives since its creation in 1986. They work to spark conversation and action to improve the health and wholeness of all Kansans—especially those in rural and under-served communities. David Jordan, President, will present his thoughts on the health challenges faced in Kansas communities and his thoughts for next steps to creating a healthier future for all Kansans. He will also express the importance of having local voices and stories to relate the importance of legislative and policy change.

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 Learning Objectives: Learn about the work to promote health equity: Hear examples of the work performed by UMHMF in the past and how they actively work in Kansas communities. Explore options for working together more effectively: Participants will think about ways to work together more impactfully, including collaborations between communities and providing a voice for legislative efforts.