

April 16, 2024

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Dear Ms. Adamson,

On behalf of the Kansas Association of Local Health Department's (KALHD's) membership, representing all Kansas Counties through the 100 Local Health Departments (LHD), thank you for the continued collaboration toward the implementation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requirements of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement. This is a vital component of the overall emergency readiness posture for all Kansans.

This letter provides written concurrence, to sustain the proposed use of the non-earmarked cooperative agreement funds at the same level as the prior budget period. KALHD also concurs with a 50/50 state/local split of the allocated PHEP dollars, with the local's 50% further split 82% for county/tribal distribution and 18% split for regional distribution (after factoring out KALHD's PHEP contract which is paid via the local share of PHEP funds).

The process leading up to this letter of support is outlined as follows:

- On March 11, 2024, the KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team met for its quarterly meeting to discuss the requirements of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and review a work plan draft. KALHD and the team members participated with KDHE Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) in this discussion.
- On March 18, 2024, the KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team met a second time to review the previously discussed changes to the work plan draft.
- On March 19, 2024, KDHE made a presentation to the KALHD Board on key changes in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requirements of States for the next 5-year cycle. And discussed the changes in the work plan, including having one work plan for all LHDs.
- Also on March 19, 2024, KDHE provided to KALHD a draft of the work plan that was distributed via email to KALHD LHD Administrators to provide an opportunity to submit written comments.
- On April 16, 2024, the KALHD Board conducted a vote and approved the submission of this concurrence letter to KDHE.

Thank you for your assistance throughout this process.

Sincerely,



Randy Bowman
KALHD Executive Director