

**KALHD Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024**

Board Members

Brie Greeson, President
Jason Tiller, Board Past-President
Julie Gibbs, Secretary-Treasurer
Leslie Campbell, District 3 Representative
Lisa Scott, District 6 Representative
Crystal VanHoutan, District 3 Alternate
Karla Nichols, District 5 Alt/KAC
Adrienne Byrne, At-Large #2

Attendees

Denice Cragg
Kory Owen
Monica Reuber
Cindy Mullen
Christina LoBurgio
Faye Jones
Krista Schneider
Dennille Schweitzer
Karen Winkleman
Charlie Hunt
Teresa Fisher
Brenda Orr
Diana Parke
Dennis Applegarth
Lori Eichman
Shalai Shea
Ray Finley
Ruth Walker
Crisit Cain
Shelly Schneider
Jessica Smith

Staff

Randy Bowman, Executive Director

Call to Order

Brie Greeson, President, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting called to order without enough Board members to meet quorum requirements. Began with agenda item #7 KDHE updates that do not require action. Then upon arrival of an additional Board member at 10:24, a quorum was present and the President led the Board back to the top of the agenda to proceed with action items and the remaining agenda items.

Board Roll Call

Randy Bowman, Executive Director, conducted a roll call of board members viewing those who were signed onto the Zoom meeting and determined that a quorum was not initially present at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was achieved at 10:24 a.m.

KDHE Updates

Cristi Cain, KDHE, gave multiple updates.

Kansas Public Health Workforce Assessment

Announced that are planning to distribute this assessment survey in July. This is our own system assessment of workforce competencies, demographics, intending to leave public health, getting additional education, etc. Extremely valuable data and KDHE will have incentives to help achieve high response rates. Then this fall, PHWINS by the de Beaumont Foundation will do a workforce survey and hope to see good levels of participation. Was historically targeted only to LHDs nationally serving communities with populations over 25,000, but this year it will focus on all LHDs. Planning incentives for this as well. Then this week, learned that as part of the Public Health Investment Grant (PHIG) there will be another survey that is not related, but looks at job tasks to determine what are the most common tasks by employees in governmental public health. Participation is encouraged and more information is available at:

- [Governmental Public Health Job Task Analysis Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)
- [DO YOU WORK IN GOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH? - Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#)
- [PHAB & ASPPH Webinar: Introduction to the 2024 Government Public Health Job Task Survey - Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#)

Administrators should have received an email from Suzanne Hawley on PHWINS inviting you to fill out a form to be a contact for your LHD. If you did not receive the email, please let Cristi know.

KDHE Staff

Cristi announced two new staff KDHE staff members and open positions.

- Laigha Anderson laigha.anderson@ks.gov is the new Local Health Department Communications person, replacing Rebecca Wagoner. Started May 13th and is a former reporter.
- Aubrey Richardson from the Leavenworth County Health Department has been hired to replace Karen Kelly who is retiring June 10th as the KGMS Program Manager. Aubrey will begin June 10th.

- A position opening in Drug Endangered Children Program Manager if interested or know others who are interested.
- Also, an opening for the South-Central region Public Health Nurse/Specialist.

County Roadshow

Planning and coordinating schedules continues, as work to find dates that work for as many as possible. KDHE has recently learned that they must get additional approvals from CDC before spending funds on these events. It may be possible to keep the July dates, but that is uncertain and could require them to be pushed back into August. Stay tuned for more information.

All Hands-on Deck Drug Endangered Children Grant

KDHE received 32 applications in total, some from LHDs. Looking at implementing programs that would be of interest. One is Handle With Care to support children who have experienced trauma in conjunction with schools so that the school can be aware of what has happened. Also working on Sequential Intercept training, Media Campaign, and a Community of Practice on June 4th. KDHE will send more information on what these are and why LHDs might be interested.

State Formula Grants

For the fourth year in a row, KDHE will receive additional funding to distribute in the state formula grants. Also, a proviso was included to increase the minimum distribution from \$7,000 to \$12,000. As a result, everyone will need to do a budget modification. It will seem familiar as have done in prior years. Regional public health nurse/specialists are taking over as grant managers and please reach out to them if you have questions.

Paxis - Pax Tools

In person training on June 4th in Salina and virtual on June 12th and 13th from 9-12:30 each day. Time frame is short, but excited for this training that will benefit the system. Participants will learn how to implement 11 evidence-based strategies focused on trauma informed approach and helping persons with behavioral health needs. KDHE would like to pilot in LHD's. KDADS is paying for training and the national trainers. A great opportunity and can use this link to register:

- In person [Overview : In-Person PAX Tools for Human Services, June 4, 2024, KDADS, KS - Salina-KDHE : Paxis Institute : Events](#)
- Virtual [Overview : Virtual PAX Tools for Human Services, June 12-13, 2024, Topeka, KS-KDADS : Paxis Institute : Events](#)

Governors Public Health Conference – save the date

The dates for next years conference have been set for March 24-26, with the 24th being a pre-conference day.

WSU Updates

Jessica Smith provided updates to the group on the upcoming Local Health Department Leadership series and Medicaid Advisory Committee.

Within the next week, WSU will begin promoting the next Local Health Department Leadership series. It is a four part in-person leadership series for public health staff to learn about adaptive leadership using the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) principles while leaning into the sticky issues of public health and building relationships with others in the public health system. Attendance by administrators or staff is encouraged. Be on the lookout for more information.

On May 10th the Medicaid Advisory Committee, with representatives from local health departments, KDHE and MCO's, met to discuss what Medicaid priorities would help bolster LHDs as Medicaid providers. This discussion was based on information provided by LHDs in interviews that were conducted the past few months. WSU staff are going through the notes from the meeting and the goal is to have a list to KALHD members via email before the MYM.

KAC Updates

Karla reminded participants to be sure to sign up for the Kansas Association of Counties, "Kansas County Happenings" list serve at [Kansas County Happenings May 17 Issue \(flipbuilder.com\)](https://flipbuilder.com) . It is helpful to be part of this group to keep track of what is happening in counties beyond just public health. She also thanked Randy and Jay Hall for the legislative updates this session.

Approval of Agenda

Brie asked for any changes to the agenda, and none were identified. **Karla Nichols moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Jason Tiller. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Approval of Minutes

Brie referenced the April 2024 minutes provided with the meeting materials. **No changes were identified and Leslie Campbell motioned to approve the minutes. Julie Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Monthly Financial Report

Julie Gibbs, Secretary/Treasurer shared the April 2024 financial report. KALHD realized a net financial gain of \$9,124.44 for the month with \$19,340.14 in total income and \$10,215.70 in total expenses, less \$1,300 in NACCHO pass through dues received that reduce monthly expenses and will be paid this summer. Julie noted that the ending bank balance for April is \$435,650.18.

Brie asked if there were any questions, and there were none, and then a motion to approve the financial report and place it on file. **Jason Tiller motioned to approve the report and place it on file. Karla Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Consent Agenda Item: Sub-Committee recommendations for Workforce Grants

Brie initiated action on this new agenda item and Randy provided a brief refresher for attendees on how this agenda item was created during the previous meeting. This is an item to approve or deny the package of items rather than each individually. Twenty-one items were reviewed by the sub-committee and three are recommended for funding and eight for denial as listed on the

agenda. Four also sent back to request more information for June. Six applications were only suggestions for training and no action taken by the sub-committee.

Brie asked for a motion and second to approve the three and reject the eight applications as recommended. **Leslie Campbell made a motion and Jason Tiller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

2024 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Randy updated members that Governor Kelly vetoed three tax bills last week and in doing so announced her plan to call a Special Session. That announcement is anticipated this week and the session could be this month or in June. He also thanked Cristi and her team, and the LHDs, for their work to implement the increases in the state formula grants for FY2025.

HB2754 we've known was passed for some time. Additional information was posted to the list serve last week. A member has also asked for KALHD to develop a packet of information to help with implementation, a task Randy reported he will begin working on this week.

SB287 is a package of bills, the EMS provisions had been supported by Johnson County and was almost lost before being added to this package. SB419 the Good Samaritan Bill was also saved at the end of the session in this package bill.

Anti-vaccination and anti-public health bills did not pass in their original bill number or in any package that have been able to find. Is a victory thanks to the work of many.

Childcare licensing received a lot of work in the House, but the Senate did not take action by the end of the session. However, there are new Rules and Regulations that KDHE has proposed that may see a decision this summer, and could still change that work for our LHDs who provide licensing services.

Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) died early in the session. Medicaid expansion did have a procedural vote upon return at the end of the session. That was an attempt to pull the bill out of committee and to the floor for debate, however that failed.

The wrap up document sent to members last week contains all passed bills as a reference resource. It contains some good bills that impact public health in addition to those highlighted today.

This session did result in some increases in Medicaid rates. KDHE staff are working on implementation of those for certain provider types, but some codes can be billed by multiple provider types. So is not impossible that LHDs could see some benefit depending on how this is implemented, although the target was primarily hospitals and some other specialty provider types.

In addition, KDHE has announced that they are doing a rate study for all Medicaid rates this summer as preparation for the 2025 session. That will be presented in the fall to the appropriate legislative committee and on their website. KALHD will monitor. Going into the summer at least, this might be the most likely strategy to try to increase LHD revenue in the 2025 session.

And also related to Medicaid, in a meeting with Secretary Stanek, Deputy Secretary Goss and Chief of Staff Matt Lara last week, this was one topic of discussion. The new Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracts were also announced last week, and within the current and those new contracts, the Value-Added Benefits (VAB) offered by each MCO are a topic the Secretary asked if Randy could remind our members about. These benefits can cover additional services for consumers, and be an additional source of revenue for providers like LHDs. Helping consumers learn about and use these benefits is another tool to advance public health. And it sounds like there may be additional VAB opportunities in the new contracts when they are implemented in January of 2025. As the new contracts are implemented this summer and fall, KALHD will try to get more information to members as it becomes available.

Executive Director Report

Randy reported out highlights from the written report that is included with the Board materials.

In obtaining a Kansas Tax Clearance form as part of our PHEP bid, issues were uncovered with submission of payroll tax deposits and associated forms for tax year 2024. Worked with Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) and our payroll provider, a company named Paychex, to get this corrected and secure the tax clearance. The months of January, February, March and April have been corrected and verified with KDOR resulting in KALHD being in good standing now. We did incur a consequence of approximately \$110 in fees due to late tax payments.

Transferred \$40,000 to secure a promotional interest rate at Bank of America and to reduce our INTRUST account balances below the maximum FDIC insurance amounts. All KALHD funds are now fully insured at both institutions.

Referencing the Board action earlier in the agenda on the new consent agenda item and that the protocol KALHD developed for the sub-committee and the members of the sub-committee are included in the Board packet. Highlighted that any Board member, or KALHD member through a Board member, may ask for an item to be removed from the consent agenda if a member would like to have more discussion on a grant application before it is considered. Will repeat this process each month as needed based on applications KDHE receives and recommends to KALHD.

KALHD submitted a bid on the PHEP contract on May 8, 2024. Will be a few weeks before know the outcome. Randy has requested a bid sheet, which should tell us how many other bidders there are, but in a response received yesterday the State indicated that one had not been compiled.

Hosted the audit team on May 16th at the KALHD office for the day. Receive request for additional follow-up yesterday, seems to be pretty routine so far. We are on target for the auditors to present their report at the July Board meeting.

Mid-year meeting registration has been sent out, have been some questions, and hopefully going more smoothly now. Explained that our hotel block is for 50 rooms to protect KALHD from under use, which does unfortunately necessitate some members book rooms at other locations and sometimes at higher cost. WSU and KALHD are working to finalize the agenda and speakers, this is the biggest remaining part of the planning process for this year.

In addition to Jessica's update on the Public Health Advisory Workgroup, Randy advised the Board to anticipate this being on the agenda for the June Board meeting.

Open Discussion

A clarifying question was asked about workforce grants on today's agenda. Randy confirmed that vote was taken earlier and that the sub-committee did approve accreditation requests for individual LHDs. But did not recommend approval of training and staff development items that serve one or small numbers of health departments. The sub-committee did not consider those requests to be consistent with previous Board discussions to prioritize the funds for the benefit of all LHDs instead of a few.

Brie thanked former KALHD Executive Director and now Johnson County LHD team member, Dennis Kriesel, for the information he posted to the list serve on HB2754. Charlie will pass that along to him.

Leslie thanked those who offered their thoughts and support for her team and community after the recent tornado.

Randy introduced Brenda Orr who started last week as the new Health Department Administrator in Gove County.

Adjournment

Brie adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.