

Executive Director Report October 8, 2024

Organizational Updates

- Reimbursements submitted by and owed to KALHD as of the beginning of the month.
 - KIP reimbursement request of \$2,690.12 submitted October 4th for September 2024.
 - KIP reimbursement request of \$2,295.17 submitted last month and is still owed.
 - PHEP Contract Initial Payment was submitted August 22nd for \$14,000 which was still owed at the first of the month. But was received at the bank on October 3rd (this receipt not in current financial reports).
 - PHEP first quarter FY2025 reimbursement request of \$13,626.91 submitted and is still owed.
- In December of 2019, KALHD entered into a 63-month lease agreement with Cannon for a copier which will expire early in 2025. This copier lease costs \$8,087.40 per year, with the cost paid by Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) for their shared use of the copier (\$3,339.60), KIP grant funds (\$2,760) and our PHEP contract (\$1,888.60). This left a net cost to KALHD general fund of \$87.84 annually. Changes in our revenue due to the end of KIP grant funds in 2025 will increase KALHD cost by \$2,760 annually if the same contract were continued. An increase in actual expenses due to revenue changes is unavoidable, but after getting input from KAC on our shared copier needs I have initiated requests for bids on new copier lease or purchase options from local vendors. The goal will be to limit the cost increase to the extent possible.
- On September 24, 2024 the KDHE Immunization program offered KALHD up to \$250,000 of one-time funding that must be expended by June 30, 2025.

This amount is close to the cost KALHD and WSU proposed to KDHE last December for an 18-month project to develop the Policy & Procedure Library that some have envisioned for a few years. The scope and scale of this original proposal do not align with the timeline for the available funding. However, WSU and KALHD are working on a revised proposal to submit to KDHE. That proposal will seek to align with the allowable use of these funds, build the basic infrastructure for the library, and some policy development to the extent that can be completed within the June 30, 2025 timeline. Additional policy development will require future funding source(s), but we hope to get the infrastructure in place with this funding.

After this report, unless our discussion reaches a different conclusion, I will submit a proposal to KDHE, sub-contract with WSU for the work, and obligate KALHD to oversee and be the fiscal agent for this project.

- With the audit presented last month our Accounting firm is working on the KALHD Federal and State tax returns for calendar year 2023. Responded to questions last week and provided requested information.

- The contract finalized for the 2025 KALHD Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) and Data Day to be held June 23-25, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn located in Manhattan, Ks.
- Board President named three new members to serve out the end of the current KALHD Board Terms for:
 - Secretary/Treasurer Shalei Shea / McPherson County
 - District One Representative Angie Kahle / Logan County
 - At-Large #1 Charlie Hunt / Johnson County

Project Updates

- Finalized and distributed to our members the new Resource List of Leadership, Supervisory, Management training opportunities. These existing training resources were compiled into one location for easier research and comparison. The list has an array of in-person and virtual options, range from free to a sizeable investment of funding, and in the amount of time required to complete a program. These training opportunities could be beneficial for Local Health Department Administrators and/or key staff.
- No grant review requests received from KDHE. As a result, the ad hoc sub-committee on Workforce Investment Grants did not meet. And there was no need for a consent item on the October KALHD Board agenda.
- Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) conference that was held on September 12th and 13th. The theme as Reimagining the Public Health System for Kansas and representatives from Missouri and Illinois presented on how their states are approaching a comprehensive review of their public health systems. I had the opportunity to think about how Kansas might start similar efforts in a conversation with stakeholders from Kansas academia, philanthropy, and a couple of KPHA and KALHD board members. This is just a concept at this time and a follow up meeting is scheduled for later this month to continue the conversation.
- I represented Kansas at the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) 21C Learning Community Convening on September 30th and October 1st held in Chicago, IL. Julie Gibbs for KALHD and Kendra Baldrige for KDHE have previously represented our state these periodic events.
- KALHD was invited to be a member of the external advisory board for the iAmHealthy Parents First study by the University of Kansas Medical Center. To support the project a website was recently launched with information and resources for community partners who could refer families, parents, and schools/clinics. Please see [KUMC | iAmHealthy Families \(iamhealthyparentsfirst.org\)](https://www.kumc.edu/iamhealthy/families) for more information. And please consider signing up for periodic emails and making referrals of families in your community. KALHD will receive a \$200 per quarter honorarium for serving on the advisory board.
- Our KDHE Meeting and Event Taskforce continued to meet this month. Recommendations are anticipated to be completed in November and shared with our membership at our December 5, 2024 meeting.

- PHEP and KIP grant reports completed for the first quarter of FY2025. Reimbursement requests also submitted.
- The KALHD Legislative Committee met to begin discussing our 2025 Policy Statement. This document will be included on our December 5, 2024 agenda for a vote of the membership.
- Continued coordination with Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) on public health sessions to include at their December 3-5 Conference. KDHE Deputy Secretary Goss and Chief of Staff Matt Lara are invited to present as a kick off to the Public Health Road show that has been postponed to future dates in 2025.

Important Dates to Remember

- October 15-28, 2024 KANCARE 3.0 Public Meetings at various in-person and virtual locations. See this link for more information and to register [KanCare 3.0 Public Meetings | KanCare \(ks.gov\)](#)
- October 17-18, 2024 Kansas Breastfeeding conference in Wichita, Ks
- Kansas Association of Counties Conference December 3-5, 2024 in Wichita, Ks
- KALHD Annual Meeting at the KAC conference in Wichita, Ks on December 5, 2024
- KALHD 2025 Mid-Year Meeting June 23rd (data day) and MYM 24-25th 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Manhattan, Ks