

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 24

7:30 AM Registration and Breakfast

8:30 AM Welcome

8:40 AM Communicating with County Commissioners

Jay Hall, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties

Effective communication is foundational to a strong working relationship. Communicating with county commissioners is vital to public health. How can you learn to speak their language? This session will talk to you about how to communicate with commissioners, speak their language and even avoid pitfalls before they get you!

9:40 AM Break

9:50 AM Public Health Emergency Preparedness – What I Should Know as an Administrator

Panelists: Amber Kelly, KDHE Preparedness Operations Team Supervisor; Stephen Maheux, Preparedness Program Manager Johnson County Department of Health and Environment; Tom Langer, Administrator of City-Cowley County Health Department; Jenette Schuette, RN, SWKHI & WPRG PHEP Regional Coordinator

Facilitated by Randy Bowman, KALHD Executive Director

Local Health Department Administrators don't always come to the job with an extensive background in Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP). The panelists who work or have worked in small, medium and large health departments, administer the PHEP program from KDHE, and serve as regional PHEP coordinators will bring their depth of experience and lessons learned to this session. Panelists will share their knowledge with participants through responses to questions that will be solicited from registrants a few weeks before this session.

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM I'm Not HR, Why Do I Care About This?

Crystal Malchose, SHRM-SPHR, MPA, CPM, Human Resource Director/Special Projects for Geary County, KS

HR does not interact with every employee, every day. We rely on supervisors, department heads, and co-workers to help us, help the organization. What do you need to know to help yourselves?

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Public Health Champions - What you do matters!

Dr. Jennifer Bacani McKenney, MD

This inspirational talk reflects Jennifer's experience as the Wilson County Health Officer and offers reflections from across the state on the role of public health employees focused on the power of community collaboration and innovative solutions to address challenges found in their counties. Our goal is to keep public health employees motivated by recognizing their impact on improving lives and inspiring a collective commitment to creating healthier, more resilient communities for all.

2:00 PM Workplace Wellness: Taking Care of Yourself Means a Big Difference to the Community You Serve

Mitchell Keating DC, ART, CCSP, Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician at Keating Chiropractic

Stretch and move! An interactive presentation including key physical steps you can use for yourself and others.

2:30 PM From Mapping to Mobilization: A Strategy Session to Move from Stakeholder Mapping to Community Mobilization Part I

Sonja Armbruster, MA, Center for Public Health Initiatives Program Associate at Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute; Seth Bate, MA, PCC, Leadership Development & Coaching Project Manager at Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute

Public health professionals from Kansas local health departments are the champions of health for their communities. One of the most important steps to being a champion is mapping out a plan to make connections and engage with local stakeholders. The diverse perspectives and interests held by stakeholders on public health challenges are a vital piece of bridging the gap from needs to aspirations. This session focuses on identifying stakeholders in your community, mapping their interest levels, and developing strategies to listen intently to their related perspectives. Each attendee should leave the session with a plan to use for stakeholder mapping in their community.

3:20 PM Break with Snacks

3:30 PM From Mapping to Mobilization Part II

4:20 PM Wrap-Up

4:30 PM Day One Adjourn

6-8 PM Social Hour - Location TBA

Wednesday, June 25

7:30 AM Registration and Breakfast

8:30 AM Welcome

8:40 AM 2025 State Formula Survey Results: Revealing the results of the Aid-to-Local Survey

Cristi Cain; Sarah Jolley, PhD, Center for Applied Research and Evaluation Coordinator at Wichita State University's Community Engagement Institute

A fun way to learn more about your neighbors, colleagues, and regions. Review the interactive map to see key data such as services provided, number of staff, EHR platforms and more!

9:40 AM Break

9:50 AM Exploring the Partnership Opportunities between LHDs and KDHE

Ashley Goss, Deputy Secretary, KDHE

How can we work together to make Kansas a healthier place to live and work? LHDs and KDHE each have public health knowledge, a history of services provided, and resources to offer for all Kansas communities. This time will lean into the possibilities for exploring ideas and connecting with each other for the future of public health.

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM KALHD Business Meeting

1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Closing Remarks - Randy Bowman, KALHD

2:10 PM Meeting Adjourn