



KPHA Board of Directors

December 11, 2023

MINUTES

Chair Christi Wells called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. She noted a quorum and welcomed everyone. Next, she asked board members if anyone would like to remove anything from the consent agenda. There was a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed.

Ms. Wells shared that the Student Career Roundtable would be held early next year.

Shelby Ostrom, Policy chair, gave updates on grants that were applied for. She asked for thoughts on other possible funding sources. She also shared that she was considering creating an MPH student network to help with policy work.

Next, Ms. Ostrom shared a draft of the 2024 Advocacy Priorities. She included a report on her Advocacy Convening held recently. The 2024 Advocacy Priorities include supporting Momnibus, healthcare access and KanCare expansion, substance use and tobacco, infectious disease, oral health, and environmental health. There was discussion regarding some of the items included and Ms. Ostrom made note of the changes. There was a motion to approve the 2024 Advocacy Priorities with edits noted. There was a second and the motion passed.

Ms. Wells requested approval of a contract with Oral Health Kansas for tracking bills out of Kansas legislature. KPHA has had this contract for five years; the contract includes a fee of \$5,000. There was a motion to approve the contract. It was seconded and passed.

Ms. Wells moved to the Strategic Priority on Diversity and asked Steve Maheux for a report on the survey. Mr. Maheux shared the survey results. Most popular responses about resources that would be helpful included Training opportunities for the public health workforce, Training opportunities for the community, and Policy examples.

Cristi Cain talked about the Lougene Marsh Scholarship, which currently has about \$2,000 in funding. A scholarship application was created and 22 applications were received.

Ruaa Hassaballa-Muhammad presented three nominees for the 2024 Board of Directors.

Shelby Ostrom – Director at Large

Tanya Honderick – Research & Evaluation

Shirley Orr – Ex Officio

There was a motion to approve. It was seconded and passed.

Angela Bedell, Executive Director, gave an in-depth report of the AB Communities contract, what was included, what has been worked on, and what the

Eldonna Chesnut recommended approving the MOU of Affiliates from APHA. There was a motion to approve. It was seconded and passed.

Denise Schuele shared the conference report. There were 168 registered, including 39 students, for the conference.

The Board reviewed a draft budget for 2024. A few questions were asked, and there was consensus for the budget to appear on the January agenda for a vote.

There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and passed.

Ruaa Hassaballa-Muhammad shared that the next meeting will be January 23rd and a schedule will be available soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.