



The KPHA has been influencing policies and setting priorities in public health for Kansas since 1920. The organization reflects an eclectic mix of professionals that represent a variety of professions and disciplines. To the extent possible, the KPHA Board of Directors should mirror this diversity.

The Board of Directors

The KPHA Board of Directors is the governing body of the KPHA who are responsible for overseeing the organization's activities.

Board members meet periodically to discuss and vote on the affairs of the KPHA. Being a part of the KPHA Board of Directors means that YOU will have a strong voice setting the priorities of the KPHA.

The Executive Committee

Officers of the board constitute the Executive Committee and are recommended by the Nominations Committee. To ensure board continuity, officers are typically selected from among the slate of existing board members. The Executive Committee meets outside the normally held monthly board meetings and provides support for the following:

- Supervises the contract services and any board approved KPHA grant activity
- Issues position statements of KPHA on matters related to public health
- Evaluates the need to vote for removal of Officers or Members
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors

The Executive Team has seven members.

The President: The individual heads up the board and supervises all the business and affairs of the board. The President serves as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and ad hoc committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

This is a one-year term.

The President Elect: This individual serves as a support to the President and serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The President-Elect can assume the duties of the President during an absence. This is one-year term.

Immediate Past President: Serves in the role of board advisor and can temporarily assume the responsibilities of the during an absence if the President Elect is unable to do so. This is a one year term.

The Secretary: This individual records and archives the minutes as a matter record of discussion and votes at each board meeting and at the Annual Meeting. This is a two-year term.

The Treasurer: This individual is accountable for keeping accurate accounting records of the receipts and disbursements of the organization. This person is usually a signatory on all bank accounts. Keeping track of the organization's financial condition and the board informed along the way. This is a two year term.

APHA Representative: This individual serves as the liaison between our local KPHA to our parent organization, the APHA. This is a five year term.

Director at Large: There are three Director at Large positions. One Director at Large (based on seniority) will serve on the Executive Committee. This is a two-year term.

Board Members

Environmental Health Section Chair: This section concentrates on food safety, on-site wastewater, recreational water, and environmental pollution control issues in the air, water, and soil. This is a one-year term

Infectious Disease Section Chair: This section identifies training needs and best practices in disease prevention and identification and facilitates collaboration between local and state health departments in all areas of infectious disease. This is a one-year term.

Research & Evaluation Section Chair: This section encourages research and evaluation in Kansas public health programs, and provides research and evaluation networking opportunities. This is a one-year term.

Preparedness Section Chair: This section is focused on networking, sharing, and dispersing information regarding preparedness issues and/or activities across the state. This is a one-year term.

Student Section Chair: This section is for student members who are enrolled at any college or university and focuses on keeping them abreast of health related issues in Kansas. This is a one-year term.

Community Health Section Chair: This section focuses on public health issues that affect children, families and the larger community. This is a one-year term.

Administrative Section Chair: This section is concerned with the management of facilities and services, developing program policies and educating and training staff.

Oral Health Section Chair: This section is interested in the oral health of all Kansans, including supporting legislation that will ultimately improve the oral health of residents of all ages and social groups. This is a one-year term.

Tobacco, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Section Chair: This section is concerned with preventing youth initiation of tobacco, helping youth and adult tobacco users quit, and also works on substance abuse and mental health issues. This is a one-year term.

Membership Section Chair: This section is concerned with developing strategies to recruit and retain membership in KPHA. This is a one-year term.

Communications Section Chair: This section develops KPHA key talking points and coordinates the social media and outreach for the organization.

Policy & Advocacy Section Chair: This section develops the KPHA Advocacy platform and keeps the board and members up-to-date on policy related topics. This is a one-year term. Ex-Officio: There are three Ex-Officio positions on the board. These positions are appointed by the KPHA Board and can be individuals who have served as KPHA President and/or in leadership positions in APHA. This is a one-year term.

Management Team

You will have a strong management team to support you! Angela Bedell is serves as Executive Director of the KPHA. Angela and her ABCommunities Team are here to help with you day to day operations and to help make ideas turn into a reality. The ABCommunities Team has a strong track record in supporting several other member associations.

Duties of Board members:

- I. Make decisions on how to allocate the resources of KPHA to move our mission forward and bring value to members.
- II. Answer the key question, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BRING VALUE TO OUR DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP? (Education? Policy? Annual Meeting Content?)
- III. Attend meetings, participate and share your thoughts. Ask questions and bring your perspective to the discussions.
- IV. Commit to the Fiduciary Duties of Board members* and effective governance.
 1. The Duty of Care
 2. The Duty of Loyalty
 3. The Duty of Obedience

What is the “Fiduciary Duty” of the Board?

1. The **Duty of Care** focuses on the process of acting and deciding (not results). The Board must exercise the Duty of Care in the oversight of all functions of the organization.
2. The **Duty of Loyalty** requires that Board members act solely in the best interest of the organization.
 - a. Disclose anything that might influence you.
 - b. Know and be willing to follow recusal policies when the Board determines you have a Conflict of Interest
 - c. Do not use knowledge you get as a Board member for personal or business benefit.
3. The **Duty of Obedience** requires Board members to abide by the rules.
 - a. Duty to obey the charitable purpose of the organization.
 - b. Must follow state corporate law.
 - c. Must follow the organization’s Bylaws and Board policies and procedures.