COAD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2026

Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Location: Webex only

Featured Presenter: John Ezell, Jackson County Public Health

Health Preparedness in Disasters

In-Person Attendance:

N/A

On-Line Attendance

1. Jennifer L'Heureux
2. Aly Breeze
3. Amanda Prough
4. Bary Kramer
5. Bob Potemski
6. Christina/TLFRC
7. Dan Reece
8. Stacey
9. Heather Korth
10. Jeff Hirst
11. Joe Dayringer
12. John Boling
13. John Callahan
14. John Ezell
15. Kevin Hardy
16. Kristen Engelbrecht
17. Kristen Yates
18. Lorie Snyder

19. Luther Solomon
20. Marisa Alvares
21. Randy Hartmann
22. Richard Brummitt
23. Richard Fretwell
24. Sarah Bowman
25. Shannon
26. Steve Robinette
27. Todd Jordan
28. Tracie Smith
29. William Hawkins
30. Zachary Herrera
31. Call-in User 1
32. Trent

Meeting Procession

- A call to order was had at 1:35 p.m.
- Welcome and attendance with brief introductions occurred
- The meeting minutes were presented for May and July (previously distributed by email) and voted on. The May minutes could not be voted on in July as that was a modified meeting because of FIFA. With reference to the meeting minutes:

  May: Richard Brummitt motioned to accept and John Callahan second the motion to pass.

  July: Richard Brummitt motioned to accept and John Callahan second the motion to pass.
- The bi-monthly report out for the COAD was also prior distributed and posted to the website. Questions and comments were asked for but no one presented any.

  May and July meeting minutes were accepted and posted to the COAD's website.
- John Ezell gave a detailed presentation entitled "Public Health Emergency Preparedness." John's slide deck was posted to the COAD's website. Question/answer period followed John's presentation and there was good related discussion.
- Committee leaders gave reports on their respective committees:

  AFN: Continue to be a part of the Disaster Inclusive Strategies meetings, continue to partner with the State level AFN, working on drafting response protocols for ensuring the needs of people with AFN are fully met during disasters.

  Children in Disasters: Did a lot of work with FIFA to ensure the mental health needs of kids were still met in case a significant event happened and there were staffing shortages, we are also working on response protocols, am talking with a National expert on children in disasters to present either to this committee or to the COAD as a whole. Dr. Peak prior presented at the SOC or Systems of Care that the COAD Chair also Chairs.

  LTRC: They are helping over 2 dozen families needing various kinds of assistance after the WYCO storms, meetings will resume in October, and they remain available to assist at any time.

Mass Care/Health and Medical: John gave the following detailed report out:

COAD Mass Care & Medical & Health Report Out

9/9/2026

Note: IF there is Nothing Significant To Report (NSTR) then type NSTR.

Current business:

1. Wyandotte County 8/19 storm response
    a. Set up a MARC, 8/29
        i. Assisted 50+ families, 20 volunteers
        ii. Thank you to participating Orgs: KS Dept. of EM, Renewed Hope Food Pantry, Salvation Army, KS and Western Missouri Division, Wayside Waifs, Wyandotte EM/311, KS Dept of children and family, KS Insurance Dept., United Methodist Conference, Harvesters, Village Initiative, Humane Society, Pharmacy of Grace
    b. Focusing transition to long term and recovery
2. Mass Feeding Subcommittee – Steven Robinnette
    a. Giving Hope KC
3. Sheltering Subcommittee – Derek Olcott
4. Clinical Support Subcommittee – Carter Goetz (MRC)
        a. Medical Reserve Corps - Main POC for clinical/healthcare organizations looking to volunteer: your.mrcgkc@gmail.com
5. COAD Intern

Training:

1. American Red Cross – Derek Olcott
2. Other trainings

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

John also advised there would be a drive through clinic at Raytown HS on 10-23.

Behavioral Health: Bary Kramer advised ongoing work to expand their membership, meetings, and respective library.

Spiritual Care: Kevin Hardy reported he has revamped his committee's mission and vision statements. Further work is ongoing to expand committee membership and the first meeting will be held soon.

PTEOC: In discussions with WYCO about the 2027 COAD Exercise that may focus on Mass Care.

Donations Management: Active part of the WYCO response and feeding volunteers. Karen Whitson also served in the EOC for WYCO.

Volunteer Management: Helped to coordinate volunteer groups and refer them to WYCO to aid in the response efforts. Were a part of the FIFA planning efforts.

- Aly Breeze reported that the COAD's bank balance remains at: 9,908.93.
- It was reported by COAD Chair that in July, we did receive an RFA for feeding operations in response to an Olathe motel fire. We attended all of the meetings and further assistance wound up not being needed.
- Recapped the WYCO Storm Response: Severe storms hit the KC Metro and especially in Wyandotte, KS. The needs were more pervasive than thought and the COAD received an RFA for a MARC and related disaster services. There was significant tree damage, debris management, significant damages to structures, and more. Many residents were seniors, had AFN, and/or did not have insurance. The COAD and pertinent committees participated in daily calls and anything additional to support the WYCO response. COAD made connections between WYCO and other entities such as Renewed Hope Food Pantry, Team Rubicon, and the Kansas counterparts of the MBDR. John Ezell, Karen Whitson, and the COAD Chair all served shifts in the EOC. Final MARC numbers showed that 65 families were served.
- Our next COAD meeting is set for November 11th but may need to be moved to a week earlier because of the holiday. The November meeting is the last one of 2026.