

# Minutes

## KC COAD General Membership Meeting

**May 21, 2025 1:30PM-3:00PM**

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In Attendance: \* Denotes online attendance.

Bob Vancrum*	Lt. Nate Woodard*	Karen Whitson
S. Deitchman*	Bob Cole*	Larry Link
Dan Reece*	Kyle Matchell*	Hector Rodriguez
John Boling*	Jeff Huff*	Emma Boyd
William Ford*	Jennifer L'Heureux	Dominick Italiano
Carl Hopkins*	John Ezell	D Richardson
Jill Edwards*	Jennifer Tarwater	Justin Soltau
Todd Jordan*	David Richardson	Karen Whitson
Amanda Prough*	Aly Breeze	Dante Gliniecki *
Josette Mitchell*	Tim Kreuttner*	John Callahan*
John Boling*	Stacia Hardyway*	Michelle Sanders*
Katie Spears*		

The meeting was opened by Dr. Jennifer L'Heureux, KCRCOAD Chair and brief introductions of in person and online attendees followed.

J. Ezell motioned to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Hector Rodriguez seconded, members voted, minutes were approved.

Dr. L'Heureux introduced the guest speaker: John Ezell from Jackson County Public Health/Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Ezell presented a program focusing on public health preparedness/response and capability building.

Aly Breeze presented the treasurer's report: most expenses since 2018 have gone toward web-hosting and video conferencing fees. Recent income includes a \$50 donation from SOCCEED and \$1500 in a grant for access and functional needs, funds earmarked for LTRC, have been recorded and allocated to COAD operations. The current balance of accounts is \$9932.93.

LTR Committee Updates: Greg Topping (absent), working on matching activities to LTR framework and has been actively involved in the Aspen Place response. Working on capacity building and scheduling committee meetings, next meeting is likely June 4<sup>th</sup>. Further, the committee is working on identifying gaps in recovery through a mission analysis.

Mass Care/Health and Medical Updates: John Ezell reports that he is working on recruitment for his committees, drafting policies/procedures and expectations for members. Meetings in June are scheduled on Webex. Brief update on Aspen Place: Shelter is transitioning 6 guests into other housing, 2 pets currently in shelter, MO Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is providing shower and laundry facilities as well as meals, Salvation Army is providing meals as well. Problems still at issue are storage for former residents belongings, lack of housing, lack of renters insurance housing coverage. John gave a presentation at SOCCEED (Systems of Care in Community Emergent Events and Disasters) on public health emergencies.

Behavioral Health: Bary and Josette were unable to attend but provided an update: Working actively to connect Aspen Place residents with services, posted 988 signs, made connections with Johnson County Mental Health, committee meetings are being scheduled.

Planning/Training/Exercise/Ops: Dan Reece is looking to recruit planners; updating the KCR COAD EIOG; drafting the Volunteer Communications Guide; committee chairs are working on their committee descriptions to be included in the Admin. Guide.

Donations Management: Karen Whitson currently assessing needs as far as goods and storage for Aspen Place, she is working with Hope Market and Salvation Army reps. Karen presented additional information via a slide deck for her report out.

Volunteer Management: Jennifer is currently the Chair of this as well until one can be located. She is aligning her work with what was outlined in the 2025 Strategic Plan for the KCR COAD. Developing a plan for matching volunteers with specific skill sets to specific roles, constructing a process to recruit, screen, and background check volunteers. Coordinating with the SOCCEED membership that can provide for many needs likely to happen in a disaster.

Justin from Krucial Rapid Response spoke about what they do and a possible partnership with the KCR COAD.

Dr. L'Heureux reviewed the KCR COAD response to the RFA submitted by Johnson County EM.

Dr. L'Heureux reported that the KCR COAD has attended the SLARRC calls to help support the COAD/VOAD in St. Louis in their response to the tornado that happened in May.

Dr. L'Heureux reported that there is now an MOU that has been reviewed by legal counsel for the proposed internship program.

Dr. L'Heureux closed the meeting with a reminder that the next General Membership meeting is on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Hybrid, location to be announced.