

COAD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2026

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2026

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

Location: 11550 Renner Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66219

Hybrid on Webex

Featured Presenters:

D. Scott Penman and Gloria Noble (Missouri 911), Eric Winebrenner (MARC), and Sarah Newell (Polk County 911) were the featured presenters. The topic was on Next Gen (NG) 911 as it pertains to state and local levels as well as to FIFA WC planning.

In-Person Attendance:

1. John Ezell
2. Gail Hodges
3. Carl Dahlquist
4. Maddy Langemach
5. Grace Wineinger
6. Dante Gliniecki

On-Line Attendance

7. Carter Goetz
8. Connie Ferro
9. Kristin Slocum
10. John Boling
11. Eric Winebrenner
12. Tracie Smith
13. Bary Kramer

14. Maddy Langemach
15. Amanda Prough
16. Olivia Malay
17. Kristen Engelbrecht
18. Carl Hopkins
19. Reuben Samuels
20. John Callahan
21. Stephanie Norton
22. Emma Boyd
23. Shari Sims
24. Suzanne Smith
25. John Ezell
26. Seroja Schwager
27. Jen Vernon
28. Dante Gliniecki
29. Lorie Snyder
30. Sue Johnson
31. Loretta Bonds
32. Bill Cooke
33. Jeff Huff
34. Katie Spears
35. JD VanWay
36. Greg Topping
37. Gloria Noble
38. Loretta Bonds
39. Jennifer L'Heureux
40. Cindy Naber
41. Sarah Newell
42. Zac Lay
43. D. Scott Penman
44. Greg Topping
45. William Hawkins
46. Steven Robinette
47. Shannon Maloney
48. Scott Burdin

Meeting Procession

- A call to order was had at 1:05 p.m.
- Welcome and attendance with brief introductions occurred
- Minutes were distributed, vote taken, and adopted w/o changes. Reuben Samuels motioned to accept, and John Ezell seconded the motion.
- The focus this month was on NG 911. This is critical to effective operations and is a system that improves safety through a faster and reliable network. This is accomplished through features such as multimedia capabilities, enhanced location determinations, and increased reliability just to name a few.
- The following individual committee report-outs occurred:
 - Long-Term Recovery

Chair, Greg Topping provided his update which was as follows: Greg provided an assist to the ARC after a recent fire in Grandview. His committee continuously tries to identify gaps in capacity and incorporate the RRF into the response efforts. There is continuous work to build partnerships to expand capacity. Ongoing work with mission analyses with emphasis on the identification of capacity gaps continues to evolve. Greg has set a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday at 2pm, every month if possible.

- Mass Care (including Health and Medical)

Chairs, John Ezell and Emma Boyd. The following report out was given:

Current business:

1. Both committees have been combined and met previously on Tuesday, 12/16
 - a. Presentation from Kansas Animal Response Team (KSART) – Bob Potemski
 - b. Continuing World Cup Planning with SEMA Mass Care
 - i. Regular meeting being held to discuss feeding and sheltering
2. Mass Feeding Subcommittee – Steven Robinette
 - a. Newly appointed COAD volunteer
3. Sheltering Subcommittee – Emma Boyd
 - a. Thunderbolt Exercise
4. Clinical Support Subcommittee – Carter Goetz (MRC)
 - a. Medical Reserve Corps - Main POC for clinical/healthcare organizations looking to volunteer: your.mrcgkc@gmail.com
 - b. Meeting with KC26 to plan for FIFA Medical and Health needs
5. Need to begin hosting regular meetings (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly)

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 19th, 11am via WebEx

- Behavioral Health

Chairs, Bary Kramer and Laurie Cox. They continue to meet every other month and focus on Disaster Mental Health. Bary continues to acquire documents pertaining to behavioral health in disasters for the resource library. There is discussion about behavioral health in relationship to FIFA WC. Ongoing access to mental health services is a primary focus.

- Planning, Training, and Exercise Operations

Chairs, Dan Reece and JD VanWay. The team continues to constantly look at and revise as needed to EOP. An exercise is planned (ongoing) for early 2026 to test capabilities. PTEO is involved with the overall COAD/FIFA WC planning on an ongoing basis.

- Donations Management

Chair, Karen Whitson and Chair of Financial Management is Todd Jordan. They continue to stand ready to assist when needed and remain on-call in the event of a disaster or emergency. Draft presentation about donations management from KCR COAD for chambers of commerce is a prominent project that the team has been working on.

- Volunteer Management

Jennifer L'Heureux, Chair. We continue efforts to develop protocols pertaining to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. We are serving as a connector between various partners and the FIFA WC Planning Commission. We meet the third Friday of each month.

- Children in Disasters

Jennifer L'Heureux, Chair. We meet the 4th Monday of each month at 9. We are planning to be in the Independence Schools in March to speak about children's needs in disasters. We are connected to the local CMHCs to ensure services continue during FIFA.

AFN or Access and Functional Needs

Jennifer L'Heureux, Chair. We meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 9. We are scheduled in February to be speaking to a group of seniors in Independence about disaster preparedness through our SPICE component. We continue to be a part of other AFN groups by attending their meetings to show support and share knowledge and resources. Further, we are syncing efforts with providers of AFN related services and working to communicate critical information to EM's to assist with information about AFN needs in the respective communities. We are beginning to look at how large entities such as the National Guard and others may play a role in transportation for people with AFN. Our AFN has participated with FIFA WC planning to ensure human rights are protected for people with AFN.

Additional Items

- The COAD is working to establish a revamped system for document storage so that critical information is passed from each Executive Team.
- The COAD is developing libraries for each committee beyond what is currently available.
- The COAD met with Lindsey Douglas, Chief Operating Officer for FIFA WC-26 and the Director of Security Operations, Kyle Postell. We are specifically looking at AFN related issues amongst others.
- An ask was made to the general membership if there were any questions or comments about the 2025 Strategic Plan Review, or the plan moving forward for 2026 (both are posted on the COAD's website). No questions or comments were made.
- The COAD's Internship Program is now able to receive applicants.
- There is a basic pet sheltering workshop on 2-12-26 from 11-3 at Fort Reilly.
- A brief summary of today's meeting will be posted on the COAD's website this evening.
- A thank you was given to Heart to Heart International for hosting the COAD and for the work that all of our members do daily to keep communities safe.
- Meeting was adjourned at precisely 3:00 p.m. and recording stopped.