

## March Meeting Summary



**Last Meeting: March 11, 2026, Jackson County Public Health Department and Webex**

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2026, Hybrid with the location to be announced.**

### Overview of the March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the KCR COAD

- **Welcome and brief introductions**
- **Minutes were prior distributed and approved from the January meeting.**
- **The featured presentation was from International Association of Fire Fighters, Master HazMat Instructor Bob Ingram will be the guest presenter. Chief Ingram is a retired FDNY Battalion Chief over HazMat and served in the FDNY Hazardous Materials Operations Command and, following the events of 9/11, led the rebuilding of the FDNY Haz-Mat Operations Division. He established and managed the WMD Branch Office at the FDNY Center for Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness and has represented FDNY on multiple local, state, and federal working groups on terrorism and preparedness. He has been a national instructor in hazardous materials for the IAFF since 1994 and worked directly with federal and state officials to develop and deliver responder-focused training.**
- **There was no update to the KCR COAD's finances as nothing has changed. Our bank balance remains: \$9,908.93.**

- **The following committee reports were given including slide decks and/or additional notes:**

**1. Long-term Recovery: Greg Topping, Chair was unable to attend but provided an overview of his committee's activities:**

Educating people/organizations for World Cup.

UICKC is gaining momentum and working on building a team of church volunteers who will soon be going through training for Red Cross sheltering as also going through our team shepherd and CIT training our strategy isn't just for World Cup, but also to get them trained to host shelters at their local churches, in the event of a Disaster.

Ongoing mission analyses

Ongoing recruitment efforts

Building our meeting schedule.

Next Committee Meeting: To be announced

Please email me directly if you would like to participate, please email me [greg@uickc.org](mailto:greg@uickc.org)

**2. Mass-Care: Chairs, John Ezell and Emma Boyd presented detailed information about membership and activities specific to mass care response. They also reported on the Health and Medical Committee as these two groups have now combined meetings.**

Both committees have been combined and met previously on Tuesday, 02/19

- a. Presentation from Heart to Heart International – Maddy Langemach
- b. Biweekly World Cup Planning with SEMA Mass Care
  - i. Considering creating a GIS shelter location tracker for WC Mass Care efforts
  - ii. Organizing WebEOC training – Gloria Brandenburg (SEMA)
  - iii. COAD Posture

Mass Feeding Subcommittee – Steven Robinette

Sheltering Subcommittee – Emma Boyd

- a. Upcoming Red Cross Shelter Training

Clinical Support Subcommittee – Carter Goetz (MRC)

- a. [Medical Reserve Corps](#) - Main POC for clinical/healthcare organizations looking to volunteer: [your.mrcgkc@gmail.com](mailto:your.mrcgkc@gmail.com)

Donations Management Efforts

Approaching chambers of commerce for Mass Care needs

Created donations management form and PowerPoint for outreach

Now hosting regular monthly meetings until World Cup Concludes  
Finalizing a COAD Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC) Document

**Next Committee Meeting:** Thursday, March 19th, 11am (Virtual)

- 3. Behavioral-Health: Bary Kramer is one of the Chairs of this committee. His Co-Chair is, Laurie Cox.** They continue to meet every other month and have projects related to the 2026 Strategic Plan for the COAD. They continue to work with local community mental health organizations and related entities to ensure the needs of all are met during disasters and emergencies. Bary spoke about needed collaboration that spans across the state lines as well as ongoing library additions with pertinent information.
- 4. Planning, Training Exercise Operations: Chair, Dan Reece and JD VanWay are the Co-Chairs. Sedaf Nezami is a student assistant planner.** Dan spoke about the upcoming KCR COAD Exercise planned for 4-30-26 and matters related to FIFA WC planning. Also mentioned was our Google Drive and related materials.
- 5. Donations Management: Chairs are Karen Whitson and Charles Gerhart. Todd Jordan is the Chair of Financial Management. The following report-out was provided:** Karen reported on the committee's efforts to recruit various Chamber of Commerce. More specifically:

**Current Operations:**

- Team is reaching out to chambers of commerce for some of the larger cities in the KC metro area:**
- KC, MO – Todd Jordan**
- KC, KS – Emma Boyd**

- Northland – Emma Boyd
- Lee's Summit – John Ezell
- Raytown – John Ezell
- Grandview – John Ezell
- Blue Springs – John Ezell
- Overland Park – Karen Whitson
- Olathe – Karen Whitson

**Future Operations:**

- Provide update on donations management
- Invite Chambers of Commerce to join the KCR COAD
- Learn from the chambers from their experience, programs, and goals and develop action items based on what we learn

**Focus:**

- Chambers of commerce are doing great things in disaster preparedness so let's learn from them and build on their initiatives and successes

**6. Volunteer Management: Jennifer L'Heureux is the Chair. The following update was provided: We continue to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 9 a.m.** It was reported that consideration is being given to where volunteers could stay during FIFA. We were able to go through Good 360 and order a large amount of sunscreen for the MRC volunteers.

- 7. Health-Medical: John Ezell, Chair gave details about the meetings and related activities. Please see the Mass Care Summary. These two groups of meetings are being combined.**
- 8. Children in Disasters: Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 9 a.m. I (Jennifer L'Heureux) remain as the Chair.** It was reported that we gave a presentation to the Missouri ECHO Childcare Educators on the unique needs of children in disasters. The CID that was a part of the SOC is now fully immersed into the COAD's CID. It made sense to combine the two into a single and stronger entity. We continue to work with local mental health centers to ensure the needs of children are met at any time and this includes FIFA when demands for services may increase.
- 9. AFN or Access and Functional Needs: Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 9. I (Jennifer L'Heureux) remain as Chair.** I reported that on February 5<sup>th</sup>, we along with the MRC and Independence EM, gave a presentation to seniors on preparedness and this included much discussion about AFN. We continue as a participant in the Partnership for Disaster Inclusive Strategies. We have been active in connecting FIFA's Executive Team with local organizations that are subject matter experts in AFN. We continue to consult with the Hagerty Consulting Preparedness Division (at their request) as a part of the St. Louis Regional AFN Project.
- 10. Operation Heat Shield was mentioned, and the flyer is on the COAD's website.**
- 11. We now have a QR code that will take interested parties directly to the COAD's Membership Application and related materials.**
- 12. There was mention about the importance of the MRPs needing to be completed.**
- 13. There was discussion about the May and July meetings.**

**14. I thanked John Ezell and the Jackson County Public Health Department for hosting the COAD.**

**15. Our next meeting is on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Hybrid with physical location to be announced.**

**Please do not hesitate to reach out to the KCR COAD at any time if we may be of assistance to you in your endeavors. The recording link to the meeting is available upon request.**

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