**Sedgwick County Animal Care Advisory Board Meeting**

Animal Control
*Sedgwick County Health Department*
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Nika Orebaugh, Animal Control Supervisor

Program Supervisor

**Minutes of February 13, 2025**

**Attendance:**

**Advisory Board: Members Present** - Susan Erlenwein, Simone Ward, , Susan Lentz, , Erika Lovett, Janna Hays, and Josh Fredrick

**Members Absent –** Dr. Julie Evans, Shelley Duncan, Shanti Mikolajczyk, and Kylee Wallentine

**Public** – None

**Sedgwick County Staff** – Nika Orebaugh, Dina Ingram and Dakota Kidd

1. **New Business:**

**A.** Introductions: Since we have a new member tonight, Susan Erlenwein asked the members to introduce themselves and provide a little background information about themselves.

**B. Minutes:** Discussion and approval of January 25, 2025 minutes. Approval of the minutes was moved by Janna Hays and seconded by Simone. Josh Fredrick abstained. Motion was approved by majority vote.

**C. Report on KDA developments and how they will affect Sedgwick County operations:** Nika Orebaugh reported that there are lobbyists meeting tomorrow with KDA to look at recommendations from Shelters. Vets can now transfer animals, but they cannot go out-of-state. Animals with heartworm can go to a vet clinic. KDA has no authority over vets. The animal becomes the property of the vet. The vet can make the call on the animal (after treatment, KDA wanted the animal to be kept for 8 months). Nika finally got it in writing from KDA, that she can pull County animals from the Shelter and show their disposition (although KDA cannot ask). Other animal officers in Kansas are starting to follow Nika’s lead. According to Dr. Justin Smith with KDA, animals (kittens) less than 1 pound will be euthanized. This is because kittens need to be bottle fed every four hours, and lack of staff to tend to this causes the kittens to be euthanized.

**D.** **Other New Business:** Susan Erlenwein reminded the members that we have two new commissioners and if you want to stay on this Board, you will need to contact the new commissioner and let them know.

**2. Old Business:**

**A. Review of ACAB proposed Code Changes:** Susan and Nika need to review the proposed changes with our contracted cities for input/approval. We will then ask a county attorney to attend a future meeting to review the changes.

**B.** **Other Old Business:** There was no other new business to come before the Board.

**3. Staff Update-** Nika Orebaugh reported that they participated in the Children’s Mental Health Day and handed out Animal Control materials. Future events include a Blood Drive and Kitty Shower. Captain Purcell is over the Wichita Shelter and recently hired Emily Hurst as the new Supervisor. Emily was previously with KHS. She wants to make things better. We want to invite her to a future meeting.

**4. Public Comment:** None–

**5. Adjournment –** The Board agreed to adjourn at 7:15PM.