

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA,
KANSAS, ESTABLISHING WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY ADDICTION
INTERVENTION COALITION.**

RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 52-739

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Kansas and its communities have been harmed by the Opioid Epidemic due to misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas, through its Attorney General, and certain Political Subdivisions, through their elected representatives and counsel, sought to hold Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damages caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Kansas Fights Addiction Act (K.S.A. 75-775 *et seq.*), the State of Kansas created a Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund that allocates distribution of settlement funds received from the opioid litigation to Kansas eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County are eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County recognize the effects of the opioid epidemic on the health, safety and flourishing of all of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County have collaborated to procure a strategic plan for the utilization of opioid settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County recognize that the implementation of such strategic plan involves bringing together community partners from government agencies, education, law enforcement, first responders, health care providers, mental health clinicians, treatment facilities and others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County now seeks to create an advisory council to evaluate and recommend to respective governing bodies the effective allocation of the funds received from Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund in alignment with the strategic plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS, AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. SECTION 2.12.1030 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-367 of the Sedgwick County Code are hereby created to read as follows:

“Establishment of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition.

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition is hereby established.

SECTION 2. SECTION 2.12.1031 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-368 of the Sedgwick County Code are hereby created to read as follows:

“Purpose of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition.

The purpose of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition (the “Coalition”) is to evaluate and recommend effective allocation of the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund settlement funds to local governments as a result of Kansas Fights Addiction Act (K.S.A. 75-775 *et seq.*). To this effect, the Coalition shall provide advice and recommendations to the City Council of City of Wichita and the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County on matters pertaining to substance abuse prevention and treatment services, to assist in preparation of the Request for Proposal/Request for Bids (“RFP/RFB”) and subsequent evaluation of respective responses for substance abuse prevention and treatment services funded by opioid settlement funds, and to monitor the effectiveness of such substance abuse prevention and treatment services and programs receiving opioid settlement funds.”

SECTION 3. SECTION 2.12.1032 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-369 of the Sedgwick County Code are hereby created to read as follows:

“Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition; Functions and Responsibilities.

The functions and responsibilities of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition shall include the following:

- (a) Advise and make recommendations to the City Council of City of Wichita and the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County on the use of opioid settlement funds for substance abuse prevention and treatment services in alignment with the established strategic plan.
- (b) Assist appropriate City of Wichita and Sedgwick County departments with preparation of Request for Proposals/Request for Bids (RFP/RFB) for services contemplated under the strategic plan.
- (c) Review and evaluate responses to RFP/RFB and make recommendations to the respective governing bodies or their designated purchasing departments as may be appropriate in

order to facilitate selection and contracting for services contemplated under the strategic plan.

- (d) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of substance abuse prevention and treatment services funded and programs receiving opioid settlement funds.
- (e) Advise the City Council of City of Wichita and the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County regarding the implementation of the strategic plan and make recommendations to allocate funding accordingly."

SECTION 4. SECTION 2.12.1033 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-370 of the Sedgwick County Code are hereby created to read as follows:

"Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition; Organization, Composition, and Dissolution.

- (a) The Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition (the "Coalition") shall be comprised of not less than eleven (11) and not more than fifteen (15) members. Such members shall be selected from across the substance abuse treatment and prevention community, including but not limited to social service, parole, probation, medical, mental health, academic, court, and law enforcement agencies.
- (b) The Chairman of the Sedgwick County's Board of County Commissioners (the "BOCC") may elect to appoint one (1) Commissioner of the BOCC to serve as a non-voting Ex-Officio member of the Coalition.
- (c) The City of Wichita's City Council (the "City Council") may elect to appoint one (1) Council Member to serve as a non-voting Ex-Officio member of the Coalition.
- (d) No member of the immediate family of any member of the City Council, nor the BOCC shall eligible to serve on the Coalition.
- (e) No person shall be appointed a member of the Coalition unless such person is a resident of Sedgwick County at the time of the appointment.
- (f) Except as specified in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, all such appointed members shall be considered voting members subject to conflicts of interest and recusal provisions set forth below.
- (g) Members of the WSAIC shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.
- (h) First appointments shall be done on May 14th of 2025 or as soon thereafter as both governing bodies appoint such members. First term for all such first appointments shall begin on the date such members are appointed and end on December 31, 2027. In the event a member of the Coalition does not complete their term, any member appointed to fill such vacancy shall be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (i) After December 31, 2027, all subsequent regular appointments shall be made on the first week of January of each year on as-needed basis. Nothing shall preclude governing bodies from jointly appointing a new member of the Coalition at other times as may be necessary to replace an existing member or fill a vacant position.
- (j) No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. Any partial term a member may serve due to a vacancy shall not count as a term for purposes of this term limitation.

- (k) Any member of the Coalition who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or attends less than half of the meetings over a consecutive 12-month period, shall be subject to removal subject to the process specified in subsection (q)(3) of this Section.
- (l) All Coalition members shall be appointed in the following manner:
 - (1) Except as specified in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, the City of Wichita's City Manager (the "City Manager") and Sedgwick County's County Manager (the "County Manager") shall prepare an agreed-upon list of individuals recommended to be appointed to act as Coalition members;
 - (2) Both the City Manager and County Manager shall jointly recommend to both governing bodies to appoint such recommended individuals to serve as members of the Coalition; and
 - (3) Except as specified in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, for any such individual to be appointed, a simple majority vote of each respective governing body is required.
- (m) No member shall continue to serve if such members ceases to be a resident of Sedgwick County. If a member of the Coalition no longer meets the member eligibility criteria, such member shall submit their resignation from the Coalition to both the City Manager and the County Manager.
- (n) Each member of the Coalition shall disclose any conflict of interest, as defined in the bylaws to be adopted by the Coalition, as may arise in connection with matters being considered by the Coalition and shall refrain from discussing or voting on any such matters. No member of the Coalition shall participate in the discussions pertaining to nor vote on matters for which the member has a conflict of interest.
- (o) Coalition members shall not receive compensation, nor shall they be reimbursed for personal expenses.
- (p) All appointments to the Coalition shall be made by written notice of appointment, which shall clearly state that such appointment is made subject to all the provisions outlined herein, the term of the appointment, and that members so appointment may be removed by the joint decision of the City and County Manager for violation of any of the rules and regulations herein established or violation of additional rules established through bylaws or both.
- (q) Subject to other exceptions outlined in this Section, A member's term shall continue until any of the following occurs:
 - (1) the resignation, incapacity or death of the member;
 - (2) the end of the term of the member for which such member was appointed to serve; or
 - (3) the member's removal upon joint recommendation of the City and County Manager and a simple majority vote of both respective governing bodies.
- (r) Primary staff support to the Council will be provided by the City Manager's and County Manager's designees. City and County staff will provide technical and professional support to the Council programming operations on an as-needed basis.
- (s) The dissolution of the Coalition shall be done by ordinance of the City Council or resolution by the Board of County Commissioners."

SECTION 5. SECTION 2.12.1034 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-371 of the Sedgwick County are hereby created to read as follows:

“Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition; Meetings.

- (a) The Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition (the “Coalition”) shall fix the time and place at which its meetings shall be held. Meetings shall be held within Sedgwick County and shall be subject to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, K.S.A. 75-4317 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto. Notice and minutes of all meetings shall be provided to the City Clerk and the County Clerk.
- (b) The Coalition shall abide by the Kansas Open Meeting Act, K.S.A. 75-4317 *et seq.*, and the Kansas Open Records Act, K.S.A. 45-215 *et seq.*
- (c) The majority of the Coalition then serving shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting; and a majority of those present in either case shall have power to act in all matters.
- (d) The members of the Coalition shall be subject to the provisions of the laws of the State of Kansas relating to conflicts of interest of political subdivision’s officers and employees, including, but not limited to, K.S.A. 75-4301 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.
- (e) The Coalition shall conduct meetings, elect officers and adopt by-laws which shall not conflict with the parameters established in this Resolution.”

SECTION 6. SECTION 2.12.1035 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-372 of the Sedgwick County are hereby created to read as follows:

“Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition; Severability.

If any provisions or section of this Joint Ordinance and Resolution is deemed or ruled unconstitutional or otherwise illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Joint Ordinance and Resolution. This Joint Ordinance and Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.”

SECTION 7. SECTION 2.12.1036 of the Code of the City of Wichita and SECTION 2-373 of the Sedgwick County are hereby created to read as follows:

“Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition; Effect.

The Sedgwick County Clerk is directed to publish this Joint Resolution and Ordinance once in the official County newspaper. This joint Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon approval and shall be published once in the official County and City newspaper.”

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Commissioners present and voting were:

PETER F. MEITZNER
JEFF BLUBAUGH
STEPHANIE WISE
RYAN BATY
JAMES M. HOWELL

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Dated this 14 day of May, 2025.

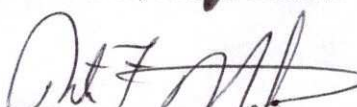
ATTEST:


KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk





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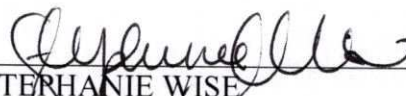

RYAN BATY, Chairman
Commissioner, Fourth District

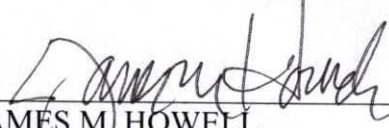

PETER F. MEITZNER, Chair Pro Tem
Commissioner, First District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


ARMAND L. SHUKAEV
Assistant County Counselor


JEFF BLUBAUGH
Commissioner, Second District


STEPHANIE WISE
Commissioner, Third District


JAMES M. HOWELL
Commissioner, Fifth District

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, this 27th day of May, 2025.

Lily Wu
Lily Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

for Paul Leeker
Paul Leeker, City Clerk



Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Magana
Jennifer Magana, City Attorney and
Director of Law

Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition Members

Rena Cole – COMCARE

Randy Ecker – Former Seventh Direction

Dr. Claire Gregory – WSU Assistant Professor of Addiction Counseling

Tonya LeBrun – LAC The Caring Center of Wichita

Heath Bechler - CEO Cherry Creek Treatment Center

Dr. Seth Chauhan – Ascension Hospital

Captain Matt Lynch – Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department

Kenny Barker – Homeless Program Supervisor, VA

Phillip Brownlee – Medical Society of Sedgwick County

Steven Kamau – ABC Health Group

David Dahl – retired District Court Judge