

Office of the Medical Director

Mission: To provide evidence-based medical direction and clinical oversight to all pre-hospital providers within the Emergency Medical Services System.

Kevin Brinker, D.O.
Medical Director

200 W. Murdock
Wichita, KS 67203
316.660.9056

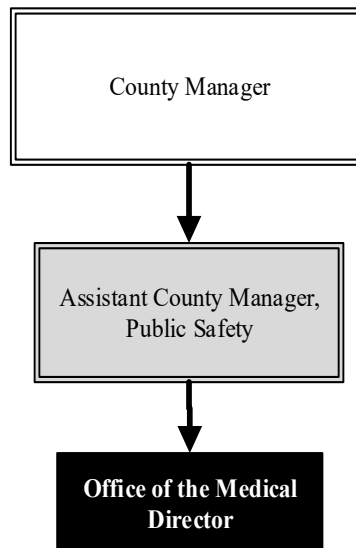
kevin.brinker@sedgwick.gov

Overview

The Office of the Medical Director (OMD) provides medical direction and clinical oversight to all first responders credentialed within the Emergency Medical Services System (EMSS).

The Medical Director provides patient-centered and team-based oversight for every facet of pre-hospital patient care.

The primary mission of the OMD is to guarantee the highest standard of pre-hospital patient care, which is achieved through a robust training and credentialing program.



Strategic Goals:

- Application and training of evidence-based medicine for the advancement of all Sedgwick County EMSS medical responders, ensuring excellent patient care
- Clinical oversight and regulation, ensuring that only competent providers deliver patient care within the system
- Advocacy for State and National initiatives that benefit local pre-hospital processes
- Development and implementation of a robust and comprehensive credentialing process of all responders within the system
- Collaboration and medical oversight for the 911 system

Highlights

- The Simulation Lab at OMD continues to be one of the premier labs in the State and is utilized regularly for credentialing system partners and students from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training programs
- Medical direction and oversight for area law enforcement Narcan programs
- Oversight and leadership of EMS Leave Behind Narcan Program combating the Opioid Crisis



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

OMD has had the following accomplishments:

- Medical oversight and advocacy for various Narcan programs, expediting Narcan delivery to opioid overdoses, recently including the Leave Narcan Behind Program;
- Evaluation and implementation of new medical protocols to enhance system efficiency, thereby reducing errors and improving pre-hospital services to Sedgwick County residents;
- Medical oversight to the Hutchinson Community College EMS and the Kansas EMS Association;
- Medical direction for the Wichita Fire Department's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program for new recruits;
- Ongoing leadership role in various committees at Wesley and Ascension Medical Centers, addressing stroke, sepsis, heart attack, and trauma; and
- Collaboration with system hospitals to improve field transmission of 12-lead Electrocardiograms (EKG's). The goal is to expedite the treatment of heart attack patients, decreasing door to catheter lab times.

Strategic Results

OMD has several strategic goals by which performance is measured, including:

- Continued annual system expansion of providers by a minimum of 2.0 percent. Albeit, growth has been reduced from 1,057 credentialed providers in 2023 to 1,009 credentialed providers at the end of 2024. This is a overall reduction of 4.5 percent. The system is dynamic, while there is a reduction in providers, expansion is offset by attrition.
- OMD has a goal to provide 250 hours of continuing education. In 2024, OMD provided 203.5 hours of continuing education in the last two quarters of 2024 since recently being allowed by the State of Kansas to provide these hours.
- OMD, in collaboration with system partners, have completed the revision of system medical protocols and formulary. There is no formal data available at the present time, but it is estimated that protocol based medical errors have reduced by a minimum of 30.0 percent.

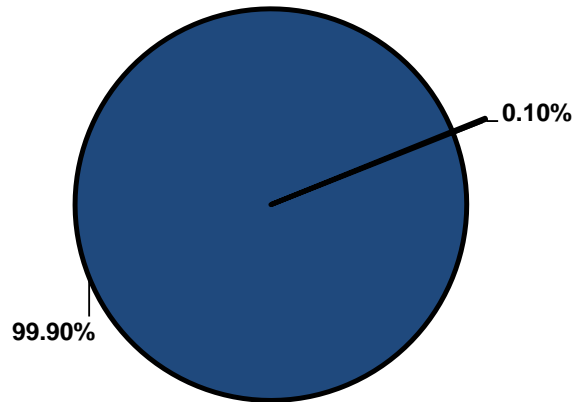


Significant Budget Adjustments

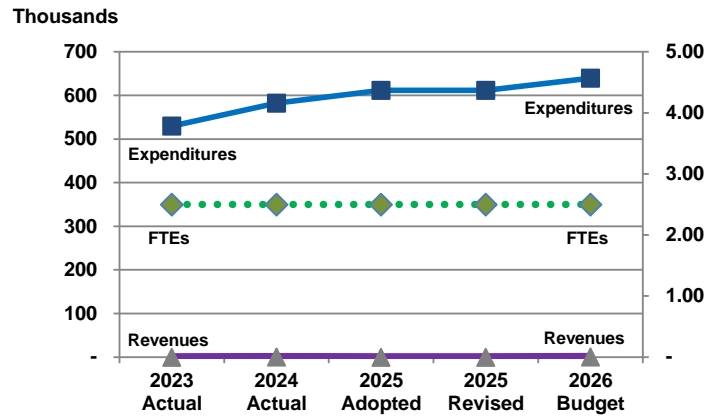
There are no significant adjustments to the Office of the Medical Director's 2026 Recommended Budget.

Departmental Graphical Summary

Office of the Medical Director
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 Revised	2026 Budget	Amount Chg '25 Rev.-'26	% Chg '25 Rev.-'26
Expenditures							
Personnel	494,874	518,585	566,943	566,943	595,345	28,402	5.01%
Contractual Services	25,058	22,037	22,865	22,865	25,540	2,675	11.70%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	9,711	6,513	21,500	21,500	18,500	(3,000)	-13.95%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	35,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	529,643	582,135	611,308	611,308	639,385	28,077	4.59%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	-	650	-	-	663	663	-
Total Revenues	-	650	-	-	663	663	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	-	0.00%
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total FTEs	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	-	0.00%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 Revised	2026 Budget	Amount Chg '25 Rev.-'26	% Chg '25 Rev.-'26
Fund							
General Fund	529,643	582,135	611,308	611,308	639,385	28,077	4.59%
Total Expenditures	529,643	582,135	611,308	611,308	639,385	28,077	4.59%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
--------------	----------	------

Total	-	-	-
-------	---	---	---

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 Revised	2026 Budget	% Chg '25 Rev.-'26	25-'26' FTEs
OMD	110	529,643	582,135	611,308	611,308	639,385	4.59%	2.50
Total		529,643	582,135	611,308	611,308	639,385	4.59%	2.50

Personnel Summary by Fund

[illegible]