



## **Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition**

October 20, 2025 | 12:00 – 1:30p.m.  
100 N. Broadway, Ste. 629

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**Members in Attendance:** Dave Dahl, Tonya LeBrun, Jennifer Mackey, Phillip Brownlee, Randy Ecker, Rena Cole (online), Heath Bechler (online), Steven Kamau (online), Jeff Blubaugh, Mike Hoheisel

**City/County Representatives:** Russell Leeds, Tim Hallacy, Tim Kaufman, Joe Thomas, Kevin Stebral, Josh Lauber, (online), Donte Martin (online), Nate Johnson (online)

**Guests:** Kylie Cameron – Representative from the Wichita Eagle

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**Pre-Meeting Materials:** Members were pre-provided with the draft minutes from the previous meeting, a copy of the agenda, and a draft of the basic guidance document.

### **1. Call to Order & Introductions:**

- a. Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:05 p.m. by Dave Dahl, who welcomed attendees and noted he would facilitate the session.
- b. Members introduced themselves. Claire Gregory's resignation was acknowledged due to relocation to the Kansas City area, making her ineligible under coalition bylaws. Jennifer Mackey was formally welcomed as her appointed replacement and shared her professional background in law enforcement, addictions and mental-health counseling, and her current role as a school-based therapist for Maize USD 266.
- c. Eight voting members present for quorum.

### **2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes (September 15, 2025)**

- a. The Coalition reviewed minutes from September 15, 2025, meeting. No corrections were offered.

- b. Motion to approve minutes by Heath Bechler, second by Tonya Lebrun. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Action Item:** RFP Update - Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant Services

- a. Joe Thomas, Director of Purchasing, reported that the RFP for monitoring and evaluation support was officially issued October 20, 2025. Questions due November 3; Addendum responses by November 10; Proposals due November 25; Evaluation in December–January. Recommendations presentation expected before governing bodies February 5, 2026, and to City Council February 10 and the BOCC February 11. No further action required; coalition thanked staff for coordination.

4. **Action Item:** Draft RFP - Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services

- a. Rusty Leeds presented preliminary framework pages for the next RFP focused on prevention, treatment, recovery, and education services. The document builds upon work by Steve Kamau and integrates model language from Johnson County, the Sunflower Foundation, and the Steadman Group.

Key Discussion Points:

- Immediate priorities identified: MAT/MOUD, uninsured care, navigation & coordination, harm reduction; especially for those with a lack of financial resources.
- Focus on competency, allocation of resources, and services rendered.
- Current RFP consistent with other similar documents currently available and offers mailability to providers with options for services rendered. The document also allows for a period of revision.
- Clarify approved medications (methadone, buprenorphine/Suboxone, naltrexone) by means of evidence-based practice requirements.
- Determine licensure requirements for proposers (K-DADS, DEA, pharmacy, etc.).
- Allow flexibility per service track to encourage participation versus benchmarks for evaluation and renewals, and the opportunity for dialogue to fine tune expectations.
- Coalition to define broad performance expectations and outcomes while proposers specify KPIs.

- Monitoring & Evaluation consultant will collect quarterly outcome data, and present it to the Coalition.
  - Coalition should not exclude new providers lacking a three-year history.
  - Clarify between 14 and 30 days for term and termination by the city.
  - Edit document for consistency: add “sole discretion”, align termination notice periods, replace “cause” with “reason”.
- b. Consensus: Staff will refine and return a revised draft in November 2025, aiming for release early 2026. Contracts expected to run through December 2027, with potential renewal options.

**5. Action Item: Informal / Basic Guidance Document**

- a. Rusty Leeds shared draft of Basic Guidance Document. The Coalition had no objections to the form being added to the webpage.
- b. Rusty Leeds shared progress on the coalition’s new public webpage, now active under the Sedgwick County site. The page hosts agendas, minutes, resolutions, bylaws, strategic plan, needs assessments, and funding agreements. It will link to active RFPs and include simple one-page summaries outlining eligible uses, applicant types, and funding priorities.
- c. Members supported further development. Tim Hallacy and Rusty Leeds confirmed as the Coalition’s point of contact for outside inquiries.

**6. Other/Future Business:**

- Staff will verify if new national settlements will be added to local funds.
- Continued coordination with Kansas Fights Addiction Board, Sunflower Foundation, and KU researchers to align efforts.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm

*The next Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition Meeting  
will be on **November 17, 2025.***