



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

January 26, 2026 | 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

100 N. Broadway, Ste. 629

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

**City/County Representatives:** Jeff Blubaugh, Russell Leeds, Tim Hallacy, Kirk Sponsel, Joe Thomas, Armand Shukaev (online), Josh Lauber (online), Courtney Carpenter (online), Nate Johnson (online), Mike Hoheisel (online)

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

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**Pre-Meeting Materials:** Members were pre-provided with the meeting agenda via email, and the minutes from January 5, 2026, along with reference material for the vendor finalists.

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

- a. Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Matt Lynch (President).
- b. Attendance included both in-person and online participants; cited above. Nine voting members were present for a quorum.

**2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes**

- a. The Coalition reviewed minutes from January 5, 2026 Special Meeting. No corrections were offered. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Dahl, seconded by Randy Ecker. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Action Item:** RFP 25-0084 Finalists and Coalition Recommendation - Joe Thomas and Josh Lauber

- a. Joe Thomas reported that written reference checks for the three finalist vendors had been received and distributed to Coalition members prior to the meeting.
  - Rulo Strategies, LLC
  - The Steadman Group, LLC
  - Omni Institute
- b. Members discussed proposal quality, cost considerations, outcome tracking, continuity with existing work, and overall capacity. All three finalists were considered capable of performing the required services.
- c. Sedgwick County legal counsel, Kirk Sponsel and Armand Shukaev, provided guidance on voting procedures and KOMA compliance. Coalition members requested a ranked choice voting process. Pursuant to the expressed interest, Kirk Sponsel indicated this method of selection could be accomplished through two motions, the first being to adopt a ranked choice voting of the top three candidates, and the second motion which would be the selection of the top three candidates to be considered. Following this guidance, the Coalition took the subsequent action:
- d. **Motion 1:** Adopt ranked choice voting of the top three candidates (3 points for first choice, 2 points for second, 1 point for third), with the top point receiver being the recommended vendor of the Coalition. Motion made by Dave Dahl, seconded by Randy Ecker. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Motion 2:** Top three candidates to be Omni Institute, Rulo Strategies, LLC, and The Steadman Group, LLC. Motion made by Phillip Brownlee, seconded by Randy Ecker. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Following passage of the two motions, Members then publicly provided their points awarded for each of the three finalists. Based on the ranked choice vote, the Coalition formally recommends Rulo Strategies, LLC for RFP 25-0084.

- Rulo Strategies, LLC – 24 points
- The Steadman Group, LLC – 20 points
- Omni Institute – 10 points

g. City and County staff will proceed with presentations and approval processes through their respective governing bodies.

4. **Other Business:** The next meeting was rescheduled from February 16, 2026 to February 23, 2026 due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

*The next Wichita-Sedgwick County Addiction Intervention Coalition Meeting will be on **February 23, 2026.***