

**KOHSA Meeting Minutes, 01.10.26, McPherson, KS**

Start time: 1:00 pm

Principles: Ginger

Traditions: Jordan H

Roll call: All present except Chapter 16

Motion to Accept Agenda:

discussion-

Add pill count best practice **MSP**

Add World Council Travel Adjustment **MSP**

Motion to Accept minutes of last meeting / Old Business **MSP**



## **Budget & Finance Report:**

State Meetings- We have spent a total of \$12,755.76 of \$16,300 Budgeted

Line items in this category include

Hosting Donations-\$500 spent of the \$600 allocated for the year.

Food Expenses- \$3,500 spent of \$4,500 allocated for the year.

Travel Expenses-\$7,555.76 spent of \$10,000 allocated for the year. Which includes \$321.48 from the last meeting.

Transfer to Savings-\$1,200 transferred to savings of the \$1,200 allocated for the year. Which includes \$200 from the last meeting.

IT: We have spent \$2,400 in total of \$2,400 Budgeted

Which includes the \$400 bimonthly payment from the last meeting.

Chapter Donations (Emergency Situations): \$6,272.36 spent of \$11,000 Budgeted

Unity Events: We have spent \$1,763.39 of \$4,000 Budgeted

World Council: We have spent \$14,000 of the \$14,000 Budgeted

Line items in this category include

World Council Travel- We have spent \$12,000 of the \$12,000 allocated for travel.

Which includes \$6,000 to each World Council Member.

World Council Campaign- We have spent \$2,000 of \$2000 allocated for the delegate selected to run for the World Council Alumni position.

4TK: We have spent \$16,000 of the \$16,000 Budgeted

Which includes \$16,000 donated at the last meeting to the 8 areas that put on 4TK events.

The 8 areas that have been budgeted to receive \$2,000 each for their 4TK events included- Wichita, KC, Topeka, McPherson, Hays, Hutch, Great Bend, and Pittsburg.

Conventions: We have spent \$59,384.63 of \$75,000 Budgeted

Line items in this category include

State Convention- We have spent \$35,000 of \$50,000 budgeted.

World Convention- We have spent \$24,384.63 of \$25,000 budgeted.

Out of State Donations: We have spent \$5,000 of \$10,000 Budgeted

Line items in this category include

Emergency Situations-We have spent \$0 of \$5,000 budgeted.

Natural Disasters- We have spent \$5,000 of \$5,000 budgeted.

We have spent a total of \$117,576.14 of \$148,700 budgeted for the year. Which includes \$16,921.48 allocated out of the year's budget at the last state meeting. For the

year 2025, we ended up \$31,123.86 under budget. Great Job Kansas!

That concludes my report. I have given the secretary a copy of my report to add to the minutes. I now would like to ask the State Association to accept the Budget & Finance Report.

Budget & Finance Chair

Buster Pulley

*Motion to accept Budget & Finance **MSP***

## **I.T Report:**

[www.oxfordhousekansas.org](http://www.oxfordhousekansas.org) updates for November & December 2025 include:

The State Association Meeting Minutes have been formatted and unloaded for your review along with the agenda and location for the state meetings on the website.

I've uploaded the most updated version of each of the Oxford House Manuals to the website; to include the Oxford House Manual from 2024, the Oxford House Chapter Manual from 2024, the Oxford House World Council Manual from 2025 and new to the site is the Oxford House Association Manual, which was updated in 2019. We also have the Spanish version of the Oxford House Manual on the site, but it hasn't been updated since 1990.

I have removed Chapter 10's social media from our website since they have dissolved as of our last meeting. I have added the updated version of the State Association By-Laws as of March 9, 2025, to the website on both the menu and the State Association Page.

Updates have been made to the Contact Information Page to reflect the Officers and Leadership for 2026. Please make sure you check out the page and ensure your own information is accurate and thank you to those that have already verified your information. I have updated the Chapter Chair information for about half of the chapters, if you're a new Chapter Chair, please come see me so I can get your name and email address for the website if we haven't been communicating so far. If you're a new chapter chair, chapter co-chair or an officer and you haven't been added to the KOHSA Chat, please come see me and I will get you added. If you're in the chat but haven't updated your information in the chat to reflect your name and title, please do so as I will start cleaning removing people from the chat, it isn't personal, but we must keep the size reduced to those that are supposed to be in there.

The statistical data regarding our webpage views and visitors has remained constant during this reporting period. The website received 9,291 views in November and December, which is down 110 views from the two months prior. When compared to 2024, our traffic is up 996 views during the same reporting periods. At the beginning of each year, I like to compare year over year. In 2025 our website received 54,073 views, which is up by 15,730 views from 2024 and up 30,692 views from 2023. Each year our web traffic continues to increase significantly, showing that our website is a growing resource for our community.

Chapter Chairs, please remember to get with me today about verifying your information for the website to ensure its accuracy.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
Respectfully,  
Ty DeBarea

**Motion to accept I.T Report: MSP**

## **Alumni East Report:**

Since the last meeting, Chapters have held their elections voting on this Years leadership, as well as our Alumni association. We are excited to see what this upcoming Year brings everyone. Topeka had their annual Gratimus function. A great time was had by all and is always a great way to get together for some unity and fun celebrating the holidays together. The Northeast Alumni Association now has T-shirts and hoodies for sale. We have been growing in recent months, and it is so exciting to see the desire from members to give back and be there for the members that have come in behind them.

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*Motion to accept Alumni East report: MSP*

## **Alumni West Report:**

November and December 2025  
Nicholas Hinnergardt

The state convention was a blast, and I feel we represented Kansas well with all the guests we had. Serving the last 2 years has been a blessing and I look forward to this 3rd term. Thank you, Kansas.

Chapter 13 Alumni has had a change in leadership with Bruce Dutton becoming the Alumni Chairperson. They have had a smooth transition in the change of leadership and have a solid plan to rebuild numbers and continue to thrive in service to the houses in Hutchinson.

Chapter 22 Alumni welcomed our 5th member, and we are confident that as people move out in good standings, we will build more membership. We ran into some issues that involved the houses and with the collaboration of Chapter 22 we were able to get everything resolved smoothly. It is amazing to see the continued growth in the areas, and we are all looking forward to meeting people from around the nation in February at the 2nd annual alumni conference.

Alissa James:

We had the Wichita area's 20th annual awards banquet, and it was a success. We are planning another training course and looking forward to hosting the next state convention.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve this past year. I unfortunately will not be able to attend the next meeting. Devon and Emily from Wichita will be in attendance.

Motion to Accept Alumni West: **MSP**

## **Re-Entry Report:**

Our mission is providing aid to addicts and alcoholics who have been in an institution along with being in the recovery process and who wish to become an Oxford House™ member with a safe environment for them to live, as well as offering support.

Checking: \$1,215.73

Savings: \$1,090.34

Combined: \$2,306.07

Nov. Stats-16/57: 28%

Dec. Stats-17/56: 30%

Jan. Stats-5/32: 16%

Reentries funded in 2025: 78

Total Spent: \$12,185

Reentries funded 2023-2025: 219

Total Spent in last 3 years: \$33,213

215 O.H.s in KS- 107 support the R.A.P.

Stats: 107/215 50%

Upcoming beanie fundraiser. Artwork needed for the design. Please keep design simple.

Approximate cost is \$5/per to make. Money used will come from savings account. Ask chapters and house to donate - checks are made out to Kansas Re-entry and mailed to [2334 S. Terrace Drive 67218](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2334+S+Terrace+Drive+67218/@37.751417,-94.711417,15z). At the next state meeting on Jan 10th, 2026, an election will take place for the state chair position, and possibly the co-chair position as well.

New business - MOTION to reopen R.A.P. / MSP

MOTION to make Megan Throckmorton treasurer / MSP

MOTION to make Chris Fernandes secretary / MSP

If you have individuals interested in the Reentry Program and would like to get involved or just find out more information and attend, please reach out to jj and he will add you to the call

**Bobbie Joe Vandiver-Stuebs**

**Kansas Oxford House State Reentry Chair**

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Motion To Accept Re-Entry Report: **MSP**

## **World Council Report:**

Hello family. It's a brand-new year and I would like to tell you all thank you for all your support and what an honor it is to serve oxford house Kansas and Oxford as a whole. I look forward to this next year, and I plan on learning as much as I can from my attendance at other state conventions and from other council members. If I could say one thing about what I have learned in the last year is that Oxford House Kansas rocks! We are unique in the way we do things, and I can clearly see that our member driven way; produces strong leadership at all levels. I love to see how all these other states do things differently but more often than not, leadership from other states have questions about how we get things done in Kansas!

We have experienced some turnover with the council. Brett from Louisiana, Corbin from Virginia, and Jose from Texas are no longer on the council. It can be kind of discouraging to see council members not fulfill their full commitment, but it is also exciting to see the alternates step up into full voting positions. That being said: Alex from Illinois and Demetria from North Carolina have both stepped up to fulfill a 3-year term and a 1-year term. Unfortunately, that does leave us with one empty spot on the council.

Of note on the committees:

The charter committee is waiting on an updated list of houses that need their charters. Jackson has said it is in the works, but they are working to fix some discrepancies to ensure the charter committee has a complete and accurate list. The Alumni committee has been working hard at finalizing all the details for the National Alumni Convention next month. The convention will be at The Drury Hotel in Wichita and is open to everyone, not just alumni. I hope Kansas shows up in force! The committee has also been brainstorming ideas on what to do for a national alumni event in the future.

On the Chapters & Associations committee we have made some headway. Our PowerPoint presentation has been reviewed by Jackson Longan and he has approved me to start sharing it with Kansas in hopes that I can get some feedback before any potential mass distribution. This is a simple presentation that is meant to be part of new member orientations, or shared at the house level, or possibly as part of a chapter or housing services meeting. The whole idea of the presentation is to get members to stay longer in Oxford and to not move out before they are truly ready. With this project near completion, we will be looking for ideas for our next project. I will be posting the committee flyers often in the next few months. Towards the beginning of last year, we had members from mostly Kansas but also others from around the country attending these zoom meetings regularly. Everyone's insight and suggestions were extremely helpful and important. I hope to get regular attendance at all our committee meetings moving forward. There has not been much going on in the other committees. This is typical for this time of year because projects are being finished and also because the

newer members tend to be unsure of what to do next. We have set the dates for the summit for March 22nd to March 28th. For those of you that do not know, the world council meets face to face twice a year. We meet once a week in the fall at the World Convention and once in the spring at the summit in Arkansas. The summit is where the vast majority of the work is done on the world council. This is where we finish projects from the previous year and we set goals and plan projects for the upcoming year. The summit is also where newer members learn what it means to be on the world council and they get a real grasp on what is expected from them.

A couple things of note that we will be working on at the summit is we will be voting on the Tony Perkins and Anna Mable Jones alumni awards. These awards are for a male and female alumni that have shown outstanding service and dedication to Oxford house. If anyone has a recommendation, please reach out to Paige Erin Johns or join the National Oxford House Alumni Facebook page. Also, we will be discussing and voting on resolutions to be presented at the World Convention. If anyone has an idea that might be beneficial to oxford house as a whole or if they feel like something needs to be changed or addressed please feel free to reach out to me or send an email to [wc.chapters.associations@oxfordhouse.us](mailto:wc.chapters.associations@oxfordhouse.us). I want everyone to know how important it is to voice their opinions and concerns. Whether it is participating in a committee meeting or giving ideas for a new resolution your input is valued and important!

Thank You

Robert Roche,

*Motion to Accept World Council Report: **MSP***

## **F.O.R.A Report:**

Friends of Recovery Association

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FORA Report - State Association - January 10, 2026

Overall Update

FORA is doing well overall. We continue to remain stable as an organization and are encouraged by the progress, communication, and growth happening across the state.

Housing & Expansion

While FORA does have loan funds available to open new Oxford Houses, our focus, currently is strengthening our existing houses and supporting current residents. FORA and State Association are working closely together to ensure houses already in

operation are stable, supported, and set up for long-term success. Expansion remains an important goal, but before pursuing major growth, we would like to see stronger unity and communication between Houses, Chapters, State Association, Outreach, and FORA. Building this solid foundation ensures that future expansion is responsible, sustainable, and beneficial to Oxford House as a whole. For areas that are exploring future expansion opportunities, please begin those conversations by reaching out to your local Outreach Worker, who can provide guidance and help determine readiness moving forward. We are extremely excited to announce the opening of a new women's house in Leavenworth, and it is going AMAZING. The house itself is thriving, and just as importantly, the Leavenworth community has been incredibly supportive.

Following the opening, we hosted an open house and ribbon cutting, which was a massive success. In attendance were:

- The Leavenworth Mayor
- Community members
- Probation and Parole Officers
- Treatment providers
- Community partners and local supporters

The turnout and engagement highlighted how impactful community involvement can be when opening new houses. Because of this success, FORA would love to support open houses and ribbon cuttings for all new houses across the state. When the time is right and new houses open and would like assistance with planning or coordination, please reach out to the FORA office, we are more than happy to help. Men's Oxford House in Leavenworth is coming soon!

#### Important Communication Reminder

We have received a significant increase in phone calls recently from individuals, primarily house members and some chapter leadership, who appear to be "shopping around" for the answer they want. Please understand and remember this is not acceptable.

You will receive the same answer no matter who you call. Please:

- Read your Oxford House manual
- Reach out to the leaders you voted into place
- Follow the established chain of support and communication (House ->Chapter->State Association

Representative->FORA outreach)

If the answer you receive is not one you like, that does not make it wrong. FORA is not here to bypass the manual or current leadership to approve actions that are simply more convenient for individuals rather than what is best for Oxford House as a whole.

There is an important distinction between:

- Seeking clarification or confirmation, and
- Calling multiple people until you get the answer you want, or going directly to FORA before contacting chapter or state leadership

Respecting structure ensures fairness, consistency, and accountability for everyone.

### Monthly House Reports

Please remember to complete and submit your monthly house reports. This month, 42 reports were missing, which is extremely concerning. These reports are critical because they:

- Help FORA identify trends and areas where houses may need support
- Allow us to advocate effectively on your behalf
- Are required to maintain, secure, and renew state and federal grants
- Directly impact FORA's ability to continue funding, supporting, and expanding Oxford Houses across Kansas

Without accurate and timely reporting, FORA's ability to help you and future houses is limited. Completing these reports is not optional, it is a shared responsibility that benefits the entire Oxford House community.

### Call to Action – Success Stories

We are asking for success stories from you. We want to hear how FORA has helped you in Oxford House or in your recovery journey.

All submitted success stories will be entered into a quarterly drawing for a gift card.

Please email success stories to:

[office@friendsofrecovery.com](mailto:office@friendsofrecovery.com)

Be sure to include:

- Your name (to be entered in the drawing)
- Whether you prefer to remain anonymous

If we would like to use your story for grant updates, newsletters, or other communications, we will always reach out for permission first and will keep your story anonymous if requested.

## House Loan Repayments

Marcus Pitts and FORA will be working together to contact houses that currently owe FORA for new house loans. Majority of houses are doing a great job staying current on their loan payments. However, some houses have stopped paying altogether. Our goal is not punitive; we want to ensure:

- Houses have all necessary information
- Clear expectations are understood
- Accountability is maintained

Repaying these loans is what allows FORA to continue opening new houses and giving the next: recovering addict the same opportunity you were given.

## Closing

Thank you for your continued commitment to Oxford House and to recovery across Kansas. FORA appreciate the work each of you do every day.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## Motion to Accept F.O.R.A Report: D

Discussion: Marcus will only get involved if we have houses refusing to pay loans. Gina is working on a list of houses who have active unpaid loans to FORA.

**MSP**

## **Housing Services East Report:**

Motion to Table: **MSP**

## **Housing Services West Report:**

I don't have much to report at this time as I'm flying solo. Dave, my replicator, didn't give me much to go on this time around. I am looking forward to working with our newly elected state association leadership.

I did get a couple calls regarding proper protocol on members who stop communicating with the house and are basically awol. It is customary to not expel someone who is not present, so if a member goes ghost, we should uphold the 3rd tradition and not abuse the expulsion process without the member being present. That being said, after 72 hours of no contact and no return the member can be considered a voluntary departure and the door code then changed.

*Motion to Accept Housing Services West Report: MSP*

## **Revolving Loan Report:**

Starting: \$27,093.82  
Loan new house Resiliency \$4,000  
Deposits \$3,884.51  
Interest \$1.15  
Ending \$26,979.48

Davis Verrette Revolving Loan Officer

*Motion to Accept Revolving Loan Report: D*

**Discussion:** Not to Exceed 6,500.00 Revolving loan is our financial backing to support Chapters and Houses

**MSP**

## **Chapter Summary Reports:**

### **Chapter 1:**

Months of: November- December 2025  
Number of Houses: 8  
Number of beds: 67  
Number of vacancies: 3  
Number of relapses: 3

Checking account balance: \$2803.20  
Savings account balance: \$3622.38  
Chapter dues paid: yes  
Total amount contribution to OHI: \$0  
Chapter 1 Status Update

Overall, Chapter 1 is doing well. We had Butterfly Oxford House come off contract and it is doing well. The house is growing and strong.

Chapter 1 is dealing with the issue of the Caritas house charter being pulled. The house left Chapter 1 in February 2025 to go to Chapter 10.

Chapter 10 was dissolved in November 2025, and the Caritas house financial responsibility to the landlord fell back to Chapter 1 due to lease language. Chapter 1 is in the process of working with the landlord to resolve the issues with a solution that works for the landlord as well as Chapter 1. That is the only issue Chapter 1 is dealing with currently.

## **Chapter 2:**

Months Of: November & December  
Number of Houses: 10  
Number of beds: 79  
Number of Vacancies: November 6 / December 3  
Number of Relapses: November 4 / December 2

Checking account balance: 14,930.55  
Saving account balance: \$5103.03  
Chapter dues paid to the state: Yes  
Total amount paid to OHI: \$200

Chapter 2 continues to thrive. We recently teamed with chapter 26 to put on Gratinas which was a hit. We were able to donate the proceeds to three different charities here in the Topeka area. We continue to be involved with houses as we replicate the oxford house model. We are looking forward to our chapter elections being held in January. We will have new leadership who are eager and willing to serve!!!

## **Chapter 3:**

Months of: Nov-Dec  
Number of houses: 13  
Number of beds: 117  
Number of vacancies: 6  
Number of relapses: 7

Checking account balance: \$6,791.29  
Savings account balance: \$7,571.32  
Chapter dues paid to the state: YES  
Total amount of contribution to OHI: \$1,200

Chapter 3 is moving right along into the new year with newly elected chapter officers, and we are proud of the willingness and leadership displayed with our new chapter. We will continue to be the powerhouse we've always been in and will keep striving for greatness in growing and replication.

## **Chapter 4:**

Months of: November & December  
Number of Houses: 11  
Number of Beds: 97  
Number of Vacancies: 7  
Number of Relapses: 8

Checking Account Balance: \$ 17,319.26  
Savings Account Balance: \$0  
Chapter Dues Paid to State: Yes  
Total Amount Contributed to OHI: \$200.00

Chapter 4 continues to uphold the principles and traditions of Oxford House, resulting in sustained sobriety for our members and continued hope for the addict still suffering.

This year, Chapter 4 helped revive the 4TK event through interchapter cooperation. The event drew over 100 registrations and raised more than \$8,000 for gifts and decorations.

While one house was lost, we welcomed Slater House into the chapter and regained Normandy House, which had been lost prior to our last report. Both houses demonstrated perseverance, replication, and commitment to Oxford House principles.

On New Year's Eve, confirmed reports of substance use at Kennedy House were addressed promptly. Four members were asked to leave, and the three remaining core members showed accountability and resilience as the house moves forward by interviewing new members.

Blackfoot House remains unchanged from our previous report. Despite serious structural issues, including no heat during winter, the house remains full, with members demonstrating remarkable perseverance and unity.

I am grateful for the opportunity to present my first report as Chapter 4's representative.

-Jason D

## **Chapter 5:**

Nov and Dec 2025

Chapter 5  
13 houses  
108 beds  
Checking account \$12,528.56  
Savings account \$1,546.03  
14 vacancies  
4 relapses

Chapter dues paid to state yes  
Total contribution to OHI \$200.00

We sent 15 people to the state convention, and everyone had a great time. We are still in search of a house thru our fora rep to use to open our 14th house which is a women and children's house.

Brandon William West  
Chairman

## **Chapter 6:**

I'm Months of date: November and December2025

Number of houses:9  
Number of beds:76  
Number of vacancies:11  
Number of relapses:10

Checking Account Balance: 5048.12  
Savings account balance: 18,013.04  
Chapter dues paid to the state: Yes  
Total amount of contribution to OHI: \$400

Chapter 6 had a toy run fundraiser on December 27th we had kids that were less fortunate on Christmas playing bingo to win toys every child walked away with at least 3 toys each. We also had a soup contest during the same event which Bellestar Oxford House won. The fundraiser event raised 800\$ Chapter 6 continues to thrive and grow with new members. Chapter 6 is making a huge difference in the recovery community in Ford County and surrounding area in southwest Kansas.

Chapter 6 Chair  
Torry Barleen

## **Chapter 7:**

November & December

Number of houses 13  
Number of beds 110  
Number of vacancies 11  
Number of relapses 2

Checking account 7018.51  
Savings account 9164.27  
Chapter dues paid yes

Total amount of contribution to OHI: \$ 00.00

Chapter 7 was good this year with newton houses helping in a big part of that. We did have a house go on a chapter behavior contact and walked it down to a T and they did a manual test to get off of it at the end which everyone past even there newest member that moved in a week before they tested off she jumped right into it and I'm really proud of Hazel and how strong they have become. And I'm really honored to serve as the chapter chair this year...

Zach Bates

## **Chapter 8:**

Months of November & December

Number of Houses- 7

Number of Beds- 66

Number of Vacancies- 12

Number of Relapses- 4

Checking Account Balance- \$4,460.86

Savings Account Balance- \$6,391.30

Chapter Dues paid to State- Yes

Total Amount Contributed to OHI- \$0

Chapter 8 is doing well. One house was restructured (Richmond) due to improper admissions practices, but has since been working hard, getting better, & has now been taken off restriction. Our houses are building unity through communication, replication, and group activities. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to serve Oxford House as Chapter Chair, & excited about what the future holds for all members.

-Jordan

## **Chapter 9:**

Chapter 9

Number of houses: 8

Number of beds: 72

Checking account balance: \$11,377.63

Savings account balance: \$922.40

Number of vacancies: 8

Number of relapses:

Chapter dues paid to state: Yes

Total amount of contributions paid to OHI: \$100

Comments: New leadership, doing our best

One house in our chapter was restructured, contract was completed successfully and the house is doing much better. Our chapter and four houses donated money for 4TK. 101 kids got their presents. This increased by 39 kids from last year.

The houses in our chapter donated for a disabled van for a family of an acquaintance. Secretary relapsed. We don't currently have the books. Working on getting it back. Donated \$1K to chapter 1 as well.

## **Chapter 11:**

MONTHS OF: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

DATE: 1-2-26

NUMBER OF HOUSES: 8

NUMBER OF BEDS: 70

NUMBER OF VACANCIES: 18

NUMBER OF RELAPSES: 6

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$8810.52

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$5299.71

CHAPTER DUES PAID TO STATE: YES - \$980.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION TO OHI: \$0.00

HOW IS YOUR CHAPTER DOING? (AA/NA MEETING ATTENDANCE, CONFLICTS, SOCIAL EVENTS, ETC)

Chapter 11 continues to struggle, but we are pushing through. In early December, we had to restructure the Nicodemus house, in Manhattan, for a 2nd time. We are now in the process of moving Zotikos' house to the Nicodemus house and closing a men's house. We are still trying to get everything physically moved, bills switched over, deciding if names will be changed, etc.

Purcell, our women's house in Manhattan, has chosen to join Chapter 23 in Topeka. We are told all that is left is the official vote in January. The Purcell house alone counts for 6 of the vacancies in our chapter.

Our main struggle is geographical. Our 5 houses in Salina can fully support each other. We are very committed to supporting our Manhattan house(s), it is difficult to get to Manhattan because many of us do not have licenses or reliable vehicles. We look forward to pushing through January and getting the old Zotikos house cleaned out properly.

Our Salina houses are, for the most part, thriving. We do have one that is having some financial issues, but if they start reigning in their spending, they should be fine.

We do have a Bingo/Chili Feed fundraiser planned at the end of January, and we are excited about some of the ideas we are hearing from our Fundraiser team.

## **Chapter 12:**

Number of houses: 9

Number of beds: 68

Vacancies: 12

Relapses: 3

Checking Account: 13,031.78

Savings Account: 0

Dues Paid To State: Yes

Contribution to OHI: 0

Chapter 12 has experienced a challenging year. Throughout 2025, the chapter faced instability in leadership, with several chapter officers unable to complete the full term of their positions. This lack of continuity created growing pains and highlighted areas where stronger commitment, participation, and support are needed for the chapter to function at its best.

Despite these challenges, Chapter 12 has remained standing. Meetings have continued, bylaws have been reviewed and revised, and members have continued to show up in the ways they could. The foundation of the chapter is still intact, and there is an opportunity now to rebuild with intention.

With elections approaching in the coming weeks, this is a pivotal moment for Chapter 12. Houses are encouraged to nominate members who are willing to step forward, learn, ask questions, and commit to serving the chapter for the entirety of their term. Chapter leadership is not about perfection, it is about willingness, accountability, and consistency.

The hope moving forward is that the members who choose to run, and those who support them, will provide the stability and involvement needed for Chapter 12 to grow stronger. With the leadership we elect and the participation we commit to, Chapter 12 can continue its growth and become a healthier, more effective chapter for everyone involved.

### **Chapter 13:**

Nov-Dec

Number of Houses-13

Number of Beds-128

Number of Vacancies-3

Number of Relapses-16

Checking Account Balance-\$16,945.01

Savings Account Balance-\$6793.00

Chapter Dues Paid-Yes

Total Amount of Contribution to OHI-\$500

Chapter 13 finished the year strong, and we are very excited about the upcoming year. We had elections in Dec and have a whole new group of leadership that's bringing open mindedness and willingness. We have a solid Fundraiser and WCC committee and have some great events in the works. Our 4TK committee issued 42 payments of \$125 per child for a total of \$5250. All the houses in Chapter 13 are doing a great job of staying full and we are on the lookout for our next new men's house.

## **Chapter 14:**

MONTHS OF: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025  
NUMBER OF HOUSES: 10  
NUMBER OF BEDS: 86  
NUMBER OF VACCANCIES:  
NUMBER OF RELAPSES: 13  
CHECKING ACCT BAL: \$16,703.66  
SAVINGS ACCT BAL: N/A  
BED DUES PAID TO THE STATE: YES  
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OHI: \$200.00

Chapter 14 is well and thriving. We held our elections in December and have been busy replicating to our newly elected officers. With that being said: I would like to formally introduce you to Chapter 14's new chair, Jacob Brown. Jake has been busy reaching out to houses and gathering ideas on how we can improve the quality of our existing homes, such as replacing beds and appliances; and always looking for ways to keep our houses unified in Chapter 14 and the Topeka area as a whole.

In other news: Jake and I will be attending the first meet up this Wednesday January 7th, with other Topeka Leadership to start planning the upcoming Chapter Officer Training. We hope to see you all join us for that on January 24th at the Bettis Sports Complex at Shawnee Lake in Topeka. Steve has fliers with the details.

Topeka 4TK had a big end of the year, donating \$9,310.00 to our Topeka Oxford House Littles. The committee will be meeting up at the end of this month to kick off plans for the upcoming year.

It's been an absolute pleasure serving Oxford House as Chapter 14 Chair. I wish you all a blessed year!

-Jeni Rick-

## **Chapter 15:**

Months of: November & December  
Date: 1/1/2026  
Number of houses: 13  
Number of Beds: 102  
Number of vacancies: 4  
Number of relapses: 3  
Checking account balance: \$7,300.00  
Savings account balance: \$25.00  
Chapter dues paid to state: Yes  
Total amount of contribution to OHI: \$0.00

Chapter 15 has remained active and engaged throughout the months of November and December, continuing to strengthen both our internal connections and broaden the community recovery.

In November, we proudly sent six members to the State Convention in Wichita. The convention provided valuable learning opportunities and was also a meaningful time of connection, filled with shared experiences, encouragement, and wholesome memories with fellow Oxford House members growing in recovery.

Several members of Chapter 15 partnered with the Kansas City Inter-Chapter to help host the 4TK Christmas Event. The event saw phenomenal turnout and was a powerful example of collaboration, service, and the spirit of giving within our Oxford House community.

During this time, we also welcomed Alden House into Chapter 15 after its transition from Chapter 10. We are excited to extend our support, guidance, and replication to Alden House as they continue to grow within our Chapter.

Finally, we are excited to announce the upcoming opening of a new men's house in Lansing, scheduled for March 1st. This addition reflects our ongoing commitment to expanding recovery housing and meeting the needs of our community.

## **Chapter 16:**

Months of: December-January

Number of houses: 32

Number of vacancies: 4

Number of relapses:

Number of relapses: 3

Checking account: 4928.04

Savings account- 246.00

Chapter dues are paid to the state: yes

Total amount donated to OHI: 0.00

Chapter 16 is starting to thrive. We have a house on a contract for 90 days to receive some replication to pull the house back together due to some bad apples that have now been expelled from the house. Unity is getting better, and we have just started the fundraiser part after Christmas so I can see a lot

Of positive things that will come from that. As for any problems, the new team is excelling and trying to make chapter 16 better.

\*V.Shonte\*

## **Chapter 17:**

Months of: November-December

Number of houses: 5

Number of beds: 42

Number of vacancies: 4

Number of Relapses: 1

Checking account balance: 5067.30

Chapter dues paid to state: 588  
Total amount contribution to OHI: 1200

We've voted for new Chapter Officers. They start their term in January. People that were involved with the 4TK's were very thankful and had a great time at the event. We had a house leave chapter for a couple of days due to some disruptive behavior of a resident of the house. The house gave him a BA and he failed, so they rejoined the chapter after expelling the resident. Other houses appear to be doing things they need to as be needed.  
-Alek Ginther

### **Chapter 18:**

Months of: December-January  
Number of houses: 7  
Number of beds: 60  
Number of vacancies:  
Number of relapses:

Checking account balance: \$5,597.76  
Savings account balance: \$6,201.76  
Chapter dues paid to state: YES  
Amount of contribution for OHI: \$200

Chapter 18 is alive and thriving. Unfortunately, the house we were trying to open fell through with the landlord, and one house that was restructured recently is still in a state of rebuilding. However, our elections bring a new sense of vitality to the chapter and our new board members are dedicated to the flourishing of chapter 18. Through a strong sense of replication and duty, we are excited to embark on this new stage in our development.  
-Noah Woods

### **Chapter 19:**

Number of houses: 9  
Number of beds: 81  
Checking account balance: \$3,787.12  
Savings account balance: \$1,523.37  
Number of vacancies: 6  
Number of relapse: 7  
Chapter dues paid to state: yes  
Total amount to OHI: \$0

Chapter 19 has been quiet. We did hold elections and William Askew will be our new chapter chair. Oxford House Forte Perfectus just did a lateral move. They have been placed on a contract to help them grow into a stronger house with the guidance of chapter. Chapter also provided the house with a loan for the move. Oxford house Washburn continues to be a house which shows the need for knowledge and Replication due to its recent joining back into Oxford and a chapter.

Chapter also helped Oxford Validus with the assistants to make some members accountable and will continue to help as needed. Chapter 19 continues to grow and replicate within.

William-& Danielle

## **Chapter 20:**

Number of houses- 6

Number of beds- 52

Checking account balance \$3,381.66

Savings account balance \$1,500.00

Number of vacancies; 15

Number of relapses; 5

Chapter due to State paid; Yes- x No-

Total amount of contribution paid to Oxford House Inc. \$???

Comments: Unknown currently.

(How is your Chapter doing? AA-NA meeting attendance, conflicts, social events, etc....)

Oxford house's October & Fort Hays has been accepted back into the Chapter.

Oxford house Midnight has recovered from the restructuring; the alumni member showed the way and helped replicate the Oxford house way.

Chapter 20 had a very great turnout with their 4TK event as well as a New Years fundraiser event and we as a Chapter will keep pushing forward with Recovery.

Chapter 20 will be holding Elections at our next meeting, and it been a hell of a ride, yet I have enjoyed every minute of it in the high points as well as the lows.

It's a very humble experience, along with the learning curve.

## **Chapter 21:**

Months of November & December

Number of houses: 6

Number of beds: 50

Number of vacancies: 4

Number of relapses: 2

Checking account balance: 5,747.43

Savings: 0

Chapter dues paid: Yes

Total amount of contribution to OHI: 0

- Chapter 21 opened a new women's house; house name is Lynne.
- We had a Christmas dinner that was a great success.
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21 Chair

-Devin

## **Chapter 22:**

# of houses- 7  
Number of beds- 65  
Number of vacancies- 7  
Number of relapses- 2

Checking account balance- \$5659.06  
Savings account balance- \$2500.93  
Chapter dues paid to state- Yes  
Total contribution to OHI- \$600.00

Our chapter is growing a lot. We are seeing houses dig into the manual more and people replicating more based off the manual. Most of our houses are doing well. Houses are holding more fundraisers, and we are seeing a lot more unity, which is great! Our women and children's house are going through some growing pains, but our chapter body is surrounding them and helping them get through it. The women in that house are doing great! All in all, I think our chapter is doing well!

## **Chapter 23:**

Number of houses: 8  
Number of beds: 58  
Checking account: \$10,066.81  
Savings account: \$0  
Number of vacancies: 2  
Relapses: 2  
Chapter dues to State paid: YES  
Total amount or contribution paid to Oxford House Inc. \$200.00

Hello, my name is Cody Alegria. I am the new chapter chair for chapter 23. I am honored to serve and give back what Oxford has given to me in these two years and eight months I've been at my house.

Chapter 23 has had a great couple of months with a lot of unity within the houses. A lot of the houses supported each other cooking, giving back and spending time together during the holidays. Our chapter helped bring Topeka Oxford out as a whole during our annual Christmas parade "miracle on Kansas Ave". We put together a float, and had at least 50-60 members come out and walk the parade together.

We are very proud of our leader, Steve. For his award at state. He does so much for our chapter and we all look up to him for everything he does for us and recovery community. Our chapter is also proud of Saleena for becoming this year's state Secretary!!!

We are excited for the upcoming year!! Also, we plan to sell sober-life shirts later this month.

Chapter chair, - Cody Alegria

## **Chapter 24:**

NUMBER OF HOUSES : 7  
NUMBER OF BEDS : 65  
NUMBER OF VACANCIES : 9  
NUMBER OF RELAPSES : 6  
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE : \$22,670.88  
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE : \$ 750.00  
CHAPTER DUES PAID TO STATE : YES  
OHI CONTRIBUTION : \$200.00

CHAPTER 24 IS DOING EXTREMELY WELL. WE HELD ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER AND SINCE THEN HAVE BEEN HOLDING REGULAR LEADERSHIP MEETINGS WITHIN THE CHAPTER THAT HAVE PROVEN EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL IN REPLICATION PROCESS. ANY MEMBER THAT CONSIDERS THEIR SELF A LEADER OR IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING ONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN.

WE HOLD OUR OFFICERS ACCOUNTABLE AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS WORKING AN HONEST AND ACTIVE PROGRAM OF RECOVERY. THERE IS MORE UNITY WITHIN CHAPTER 24 THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN.

OUR ALUMNI HAS HELD A TRAINING SESSION HOSTED BY ALL AVAILABLE ALUMNI AND SEASONED MEMBERS, DOING STATION ROTATIONS AND POSITION TRAINING. WE HAD MEMBERS FROM SALINA, MCPHERSON, MANHATTAN, AND TOPEKA PRESENT AND WE APPRECIATED EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU. IT HAD BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE OUR AREA HAD HELD A TRAINING EVENT AND WE WILL NOW BE DOING THIS QUARTERLY AND ANY MEMBER FROM ANY CHAPTER IS WELCOME TO COME LEARN AND SHARE, OR IF YOU JUST WANNA TO EAT YOUR WELCOME TO DO THAT TO WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU.

OUR FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING HARD AND HAS GENERATED SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARDS THE OPENING OF A NEW HOUSE. A JOB WELL DONE BUT THEY ARE ONLY GETTING STARTED. ON FEB 15TH YOUR INVITED TO VALENPIE DAY IN SALINA COME SMASH A PIE IN A FACE FOR \$2.00

AND A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO BRIAN HOLMES "DUDE YOU ARE FUCKIN AWESOME!"

## **Chapter 25:**

Number of Houses: 3  
Number of Beds: 29  
Number of Vacancies: 1  
Number of Relapses: 2  
Checking Account Balance: 3931.86  
Savings Account: 0

Chapter Dues Paid to State: yes  
Donation to OHI: 0

Our chapter is doing well, and we have new members that are stepping up and taking positions in houses and in chapter as well. Our kickball tournament is set for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the 101 club. We still have a lot of preparations for the fundraiser, but we have a lot of members stepping up and helping. We did have our elections and have had some changes in our offices but I'm excited to see what this next year holds for chapter 25.

## **Chapter 26:**

Number of houses: 10  
Number of beds: 87  
Checking:\$ 11,530.79  
Savings: \$ 0  
Number of vacancies: 5  
Number of relapses: 4  
Chapter dues paid: Yes  
Total OHI contribution: 200

Hello Family,

Chapter 26 is doing well. Our chapter meeting has had a steady increase in attendance with more members within our chapter getting involved all the time. We are excited to welcome in new leadership in Chapter 26 with Terry Ruble being nominated and elected as the 2026 Chapter 26 Chair.

Crossroads Oxford house was willing to and placed themselves on a contract. This has allowed chapter leadership to be present in their meetings since early December. We will remain present in their meetings until their self-imposed contract expires at the end of January. We have been providing replication including putting on house position presentations before each meeting. This has been effective and appears to be bearing fruit within the house and its members.

Chapter 26 joined with chapter 2 to put on Gratimus on December 20th. The event was a huge success. We had over 150 people attend and were able to donate all money to three separate non-profit organizations in the Topeka community.

Chapter 26 sent 27 people to the State Convention in November. We are excited for what this means for our chapter and the future of Oxford house in Topeka as a whole. We are looking forward to expanding on our mission to be involved in our Oxford Community and our Topeka Community as a whole.

Thank you,  
Derek Teel  
Exiting Chapter 26 Chair

**Motion to Accept Chapter Summary Reports: MSP**

**Break @ 2:41pm**

**Roll Call: All Chapters Present.**

**New Business:**

State Convention Update:

Motion to open State Convention DBA Account KOSHA signers:

Brian Holmes

David Howell

Marcus Pitts

Operate under KOSHA EIN: We will be taking 40,000.00/ line item to start the account= **\*MSP**

Best Practice Pill Count: (Narcotics)

Pill count in our houses needs to happen randomly a couple times a week. Pills need to be stored securely in a lock box. We are not Nurses or Doctors; So, we do not handle/or hold people's medications. It is suggested; That each house write these in their house rules and/or guidelines and Vote on them.

Chapter 1:

Within the last year, one of our houses in Kansas City was approved by OHI and opened with a FORA Loan.

A House that wasn't Viable and should have never been opened, causing some difficult things to occur: Cretas House.

Damage to property/=15,000-18,000

Mismanagement of Leadership/long term leaders=Bad Actors

Pulling Charters without authority

Chapter 1 has stepped up to help resolve this Conflict/Situation

Given a FORA loan of 6500.00 to help stabilize

Encouraging Donations from Chapters and Houses.

It is our responsibility to step up and help resolve this problem together.

In March we will revisit this situation and figure out what was collected and see what the State needs to do from that point.

Right now, we just need to make sure we have all our bases covered for what they need immediately.

We allow people to exist in the problem with the solution: This is a learning opportunity, and we grow from this incident.

Chapter 1 gets to decide-How this is going to best suit their chapter, then we figure out where the excess money will be distributed.

**Checks for Donations:** From Houses and Chapters made out to-

**Chapter 1**

**8012 west 64<sup>th</sup> terrace,**

**Mission, KS 66202**

Revolving Loan Fund:

Motion to Add 50,000.00 to Revolving loan fund.

Discussion:

Our line item from the State Convention is 50,000.00

We put 55,000 back in

50,000.00 Line item became 70,000.00 profit for our State,

Taking 50,000.00 to strengthen & stabilize 600 people having a good time, learning about Oxford House. Now we can support our houses, chapters, and state moving forward. BALLIN'

**-MSP**

Strength & Expansion:

Strength & Unity (Convention Theme)

We need to recognize the weak links in our chain

Build Strength by unifying each other

Stop expanding and start strengthening

In Topeka:

2018- (9 houses)

2026-(47 houses)

People look at Kansas and admire the strength, independence and uniqueness that we have.

If we do not focus on the quality of our houses, we can lose that if we keep expanding.

Stop opening houses! It's our season to strengthen our houses!

### Re-Entry Re-Election:

Our Re-Entry Chair was elected in November but had since moved out. We do not let anyone serve in that position that does not live in Oxford House.

Unless it is for an Alumni Voting Member.

It is a 2-year term position. If you hold position for 1 year and decide to move out during that year, you can hold position for the following year.

You must live in Oxford house to serve in this capacity for majority of the term because we are trying to empower our membership not our alumni.

We need these positions filled by our current members. As they will know the climate of the insides of our houses much better.

Roll of Re-Entry is to not get funding. The 150.00 you get from state is for the individual themselves.

If your house is dependent on that money, you shouldn't be taking on a Re-Entry.

The Purpose is to get people placed in a home and follow up=%'s have to fit.

Candidates: William Askew & Chris Fernandez.

**Congratulations Chris Fernandez: Re-Entry Chair!!**

**Motion to Make Re-Entry Chair a Voting Member**

**Tabled:** for March State Meeting: need 2/3 vote.

### Officer Training: - Steve Morris

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we are holding a Chapter Officer training In Topeka Kansas. Good way to see what's going on in Topeka area and network!

It is open to everyone wanting to expand their knowledge of Oxford House & Chapter positions.

There will be unity, shirt raffles, & Food

World Council Travel Adjustment:

Motion to Raise line item from 6,000.00 to 7,000.00. = **MSP**

Reimbursements:

\*\*\*\*Chapter Audits:

Will Have grace today. Expect to be fined at the next meeting, if Chapter Audits are not completed! !\*\*\*

Motion for credit -Chapter 4: ----- \$+342.00 =Overpaid MSP

Motion to add to Savings: ----- \$ 200.00= MSP

Motion to Reimburse I.T: -----\$ 400.00= MSP

Motion to Reimburse chapter 22/food:-----\$1000.63= MSP

Motion for Donation for building/Cedar:-----\$ 100.00= MSP

Motion for Rob Roche World Council: -----\$ 7000.00=MSP

Motion to Transfer \$ Revolving loan Fund:-----\$ 50,000.00=MSP

Motion to open DBA Acct./State Convention: -----\$ 40,000.00=MSP

Motion for Gas Reimbursement's: -----\$ 763.19=MSP

Motion to Fine Chapter 16= Not being present at Roll Call

Chapter 23 still owes =25\$ fine

Chapter 19 PAID = 25\$ fine

Motion to close the meeting at 4:05pm-**MSP**

*Saleena Masquat*

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