February 27, 2018

Meeting begins at 12:00 p.m. or immediately following the MARC Budget & Personnel Committee meeting

MARC Conference Center - 2nd Floor - Heartland Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting.
3. VOTE: Authorize applications to H&R Block Foundation and Lumina Foundation to support human capital work
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

Note: If you require special accommodations for this meeting, please contact the MARC office at least 48 hours in advance.
ISSUE: Approve minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting.

VOTE: Approve minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting.

BACKGROUND: The minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting.
Minutes of Meeting
January 23, 2018

11:55 a.m.
Commissioner Harold Johnson, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board Treasurer/B&P Chair
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Kansas — MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Commissioner Ron Shaffer, Johnson County, Kansas — MARC Board Past Chair
Councilmember Carol Suter, Gladstone, Mo. - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Randy Rhoads, Lee’s Summit, Mo. - MARC Board Secretary
Commission Chairman Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Commissioner Bob Holland, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Councilmember Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan. - MARC Board Immediate Past Chair
Councilmember Marge Vogt, Olathe, Kan. - MARC Board Past Chair
Commission Chairman Ed Eilert, Johnson County, Kan.

STAFF PRESENT
David Warm, Executive Director
Nancy Fordham, Executive Assistant
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Dorothy Pope, Outgoing Director of Finance and Administration
Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director
Barbara Hensley, Public Affairs Program Director
Becky Hall, financial Accounting Manager
Katelyn click, Accountant II

CALL TO ORDER
Commissioner Rob Roberts called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 MEETING
MOTION: Commissioner Harold Johnson moved to approve. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2017 MEETING
MOTION: Councilmember Suter moved to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed.
Commissioner Roberts referred attendees to the briefing given by Marlene Nagel on the item before the board.

1. AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS TO MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND ACCEPT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESSNESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) SERVICES

Homelessness Management Information System: Marlene Nagel provided an update on the implementation of the HMIS, which is now in use by about 30 agencies. She said that the Missouri Housing Development Corporation, which previously provided two grants to help fund the system, has invited MARC to apply for a Housing Innovation Program grant of $35,000 to continue to fund the work. These funds would be used for license fees, expanded functionality, training and tech support. She asked the Board to authorize the application and acceptance of funds if awarded.

MOTION: Councilwoman Vogt moved for approval and Commissioner Roberts seconded. The motion passed.

David Warm noted for the minutes that the Board and the CSC received an annual reminder of MARC Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies from the previous meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Rob Roberts, Chair

Date
ISSUE:
VOTE: Authorize applications to H&R Block Foundation and Lumina Foundation to support human capital work

BACKGROUND:
MARC is coordinating work among the area’s public and nonprofit colleges and universities to increase postsecondary attainment, particularly for adults who began college but never completed a certificate or degree.

MARC received a Lumina Foundation grant in 2015 to support increasing postsecondary attainment in the metro area, and used the funds to advance human capital work under GradForce KC. The Lumina Foundation has invited MARC to apply for a new Talent Hub grant. The new Lumina funds, if awarded, would be used to further strengthen the postsecondary network to serve adult learners. In particular, the focus would be on adults who are first generation college goers, persons of color and those with limited incomes.

Among the 17 public and private nonprofit colleges and universities in the metro area that partner with MARC on KC Degrees, five serve the greatest number of adult learners. These institutions include Johnson County Community College, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Metropolitan Community College, UMKC, and Park University. The grant funds will support work with these five institutions and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning to conduct an adult learner 360 assessments at eight campuses and follow-up with the five campuses that had completed the assessment in 2017. The Lumina Foundation grant would cover 36 months, and the request is for $275,000.

The H&R Block Foundation grant would allow MARC to expand its KC Degrees program to better support adults where English is a second language with a bi-lingual navigator and additional funds to help adult learners mitigate the impact of prior debt in order to facilitate a successful return to college. One-fourth of all KC Degrees’ clients have prior college debt challenges that pose obstacles to returning and completing a certificate or degree. The three-year grant request for $225,000 includes $30,000 for Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries, which has a program to help adult students address their prior debt.

RECOMMENDATION:
Authorize applications to H&R Block Foundation for $225,000 and Lumina Foundation for $275,000 for human capital work as described above, and accept funds if awarded.

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