



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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June 22, 2021

**Meeting begins immediately following
the MARC Budget & Personnel Committee meeting**

Hosted remotely via Zoom conference call

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Meeting
3. VOTE: Authorize Applications to Various Foundations to Support the KC Health Equity Learning and Action Network
4. VOTE: Authorize Receipt of Grant Funds from the Menorah Heritage Foundation for an Indoor Air Quality Engineer
5. VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Francis Family Foundation to Support the Regional Early Learning System
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

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Item No. 2

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



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MEETING SUMMARY

May 25, 2021

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, Mo. - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, Kan. - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Mayor Eileen Weir, Independence, Mo. - MARC Board Treasurer
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, Mo. - MARC Board Secretary
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Kan.
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Councilmember Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.
Councilmember Fred Spears, Overland Park, Kan.
Commissioner Brian McKiernan, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development
Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start
Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services
Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Program Director
Lauren Palmer, Assistant Community Development Director and Local Government Services Director
Steven Lewis, Mid-America Head Start Program Director
Catherine Couch, Public Affairs Coordinator
Karina Bielecki, Executive Assistant
John Hwang, Network Administrator II
Brad Gaeddert, Grant Manager
Katelyn Click, Financial Accounting Manager
Joanne Bussinger, Grant Manager
Tom Jacobs, Environmental Program Director
Amanda Rehani, Accountant III
Darlene Pickett, Accountant II

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Ross provided instructions for

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participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item and ask for approval of all agenda items with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Meeting

VOTE: Partnership with Climate Action KC to Establish the Building Energy Exchange KC and Authorization of Related MOU

VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Economic Development Administration for Funds to Support Economic Development

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funds from the United Way of Greater Kansas City to Support Quality Early Learning

MOTION: Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick moved for approval of all items and Councilmember Curt Skoog seconded. All were in favor of approving agenda items 2 through 5. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Carson Ross, Chair

Date

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Item No. 3

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Applications to Various Foundations to Support the KC Health Equity Learning and Action Network

BACKGROUND:

MARC has agreed to use its 501c3 organization (MARC Community Services Corporation) to serve as the fiscal agent for the KC Health Collaborative (KCHC), a regional health improvement collaborative formed last year through the efforts of twenty-four founding organizational members (including MARC). KCHC does not yet have 501c3 designation, so MARC's role as fiscal agent allows the Collaborative to receive certain public and private funds and to efficiently manage its resources.

The Health Forward Foundation is currently partnering with KCHC to lead a comprehensive, multi-sector strategy to address health equity across the region. The effort will engage hospitals and health systems, patients, payers, purchasers, and community-based organizations who will participate in a "Health Equity Learning and Action Network" (HE LAN). Participants will be provided with, at no cost to them, education and action-oriented tools and methods to make advancements individually and collectively in addressing inequalities in health access, treatment, and outcomes. Expert guidance, tools, and resources will be provided by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), a nationally recognized leader in health care quality improvement.

To support this work, KCHC will act as the backbone organization providing project management and coordinating engagement of local faculty, meeting expenses, and evaluation and measurement.

As the primary funder, Health Forward will support the engagement of IHI and other expert resources. Additional funding is anticipated to come from other regional foundations and corporations who have been invited to partner with Health Forward in supporting this initiative. Health Forward and others will provide funding through grants to KCHC as the not-for-profit backbone organization. The grant making process for these funders typically involves KCHC completing a grant application to support the work. To date grant applications completed by KCHC with MARC CSC as the fiscal agent include: J.E. Dunn Foundation, Sunderland Foundation, and Commerce Trust. Other funders invited to participate include: Hall Family Foundation, Marion and Henry Bloch Foundation, Cerner, Blue KC, and REACH Healthcare Foundation. As these organizations express interest in supporting the HE LAN, KCHC will submit additional grant requests to them. The total amount of funding from Health Forward and these other funders to be managed by KCHC (with MARC CSC as fiscal agent) is estimated to be approximately \$650,000 over two years.

In addition to its fiscal agent role supporting KCHC, MARC may also choose to be a participant in the Health Equity Learning and Action Network.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

An amendment to the agreement between MARC CSC and KCHC will be forthcoming to MARC CSC Board, providing for an extension of fiscal management services into 2022. The existing Fiscal Management agreement was originally executed in June of 2020. KCHC has applied for

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its own 501c3 recognition, and it will evaluate its needs for fiscal management support in early 2022 pending IRS approval.

REVENUES	
Amount (est.)	\$650,000 in grants to KCHC with MARC CSC as Fiscal Agent
Source	Various foundations
PROJECTED KCHC EXPENSES TO SUPPORT THE HE LAN	
KCHC Personnel	\$220,000
Contractual	\$350,000
Other (supplies, printing, meeting expenses, communication, etc.)	\$80,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize applications for and acceptance of up to \$650,000 from various foundations and expenditure of those funds to support the KC Health Equity Learning and Action Network with MARC acting as Fiscal Agent for KCHC.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe
Marlene Nagel
Carol Gonzales
Joanne Bussinger

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Item No. 4

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Receipt of Grant Funds from the Menorah Heritage Foundation for an Indoor Air Quality Engineer

BACKGROUND:

The Menorah Heritage Foundation took action to fund an emergency grant to MARC to hire an indoor air quality consulting engineer, designated as Lankford Fendler and Associates by the Foundation, to evaluate contracted senior centers for air flow, air purification, and other factors that will improve overall building health and potentially help program participants to feel more comfortable about resuming attendance.

The engineer will make recommendations to center administrators, and improvements will be voluntarily implemented. Centers are not obligated to make improvements to re-open. In May, the MARC Board authorized up to \$20,000 per center to contribute to these recommended improvements, but this action authorizes securing the air quality engineer through Menorah's grant.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount to MARC	\$50,000
Source	Menorah Heritage Foundation, Emergency Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$50,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize receipt and expenditure of grant funds from the Menorah Heritage Foundation for an indoor air quality engineer.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe

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Item No. 5
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Francis Family Foundation to Support the Regional Early Learning System

BACKGROUND:

MARC's Early Learning department provides leadership for the development and implementation of a community-driven, outcomes-based plan for a comprehensive early learning system.

The Francis Family Foundation grant, originally awarded in May 2020 and eligible for a second year of funding, provides general operations support for efforts to develop, expand, and strengthen the regional early learning system. Funds will be used to support personnel and contractual costs to:

- Pilot a newly created Family Child Care Program Profile
- Expand Early Learning Program Profile implementation
- Expand implementation of the Kindergarten Observation Form (KOF) and the Pre-Kindergarten Observation Form (PKOF), which measure school readiness, to the St. Louis region
- Strengthen early learning and child health data available for decision making and community planning mechanisms

This will continue to advance work that enriches a regional system of early learning through measuring and enhancing program quality, attracting and sustaining members of the early learning workforce, measuring school readiness, and providing leadership and coordination for early learning initiatives in the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding from this general operations grant will be included in the FY21 and FY 22 budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$50,000
Source	Francis Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$40,000
Contractual	\$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to accept grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Francis Family Foundation to support the regional early learning system.

STAFF CONTACT:

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