



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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March 22, 2022

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

Hybrid format: limited attendees in MARC's Board Room with a remote option via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Meeting
3. VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Community Health Worker Projects
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

March 2022
Item No. 2

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



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MEETING SUMMARY

February 22, 2022

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

Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.

Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.

Councilmember Dan Hobart, Independence, Mo.

Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, Kan.

Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, Kan.

Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, Kan.

Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services

Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Program Director

Catherine Couch, Public Affairs Coordinator

Karina Bielecki, Executive Assistant

John Hwang, Network Administrator II

Joanne Bussinger, Grant Manager

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

Brad Gaeddert, Grant Manager

Steven Lewis, Head Start Program Director

Jay Heermann, GIS Manager

Amanda Graor, Chief Innovation Officer

Bob Hogan, Manager of Aging Administrative Services

Melody Elston, Regional Ombudsman Coordinator

Tom Jacobs, Environmental Program Director

Beth Heslowitz, Workforce Development Program Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Ross provided instructions for 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 January 25, 2022 Meeting

VOTE: Authorize Applications to the Bloch Charitable Foundation and the Health Forward Foundation to Support COVID-19 Response and Recovery and Grant Services

VOTE: Authorize an application to the Health Forward Foundation of Greater Kansas City to Support the Community Health Worker Project

VOTE: Authorize a Contract with Business Service Collective for Contractor Accelerator Services

MOTION: Commissioner Harold Johnson moved for approval of all items and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick 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 11:48 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Carson Ross, Chair

Date

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

March 2022

Item No. 3

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Community Health Worker Projects

BACKGROUND:

MARC's regional health care access initiative supported a regional committee focused on developing community health workers as a key part of the health care system. Community Health Workers are individuals trained to work with patients to connect them to needed health care and community services to improve their health outcomes, including reducing re-admissions at hospitals. MARC received funding over the past six years to support the committee's work and has identified ongoing work to continue to advance the development of a trained workforce. The work over the past year has focused on advocacy to encourage agencies to consider adding CHWs to their workforce; supervisory and other training and enrollment in a state credential for CHWs in both Missouri and Kansas to increase professionalism of those in the workforce; and preparation of a toolkit to help agencies understand how to use billing codes for reimbursement of CHW services as well as encouraging state agencies and private health payers to reimburse agencies for CHW services related to improving patient health outcomes.

MARC has been invited to apply for \$228,000 from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to support training, convening, communications outreach, and evaluation around increasing use of Community Health Workers in Kansas for the period from April 1, 2022 through August 20, 2022. In addition, KDHE has invited MARC to apply for annual funding beginning August 21, 2022. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) has issued a Request for Applications for CHW support over the next year for up to \$200,000 statewide.

MARC's work in building a strong Community Health Worker system across Missouri and Kansas has been largely funded by the Health Forward Foundation, which is considering a request for the next year beginning May 1, 2022. The funding from the two states (federal funds focused on Community Health Worker system expansion) would enable MARC to work with local and statewide partners to further expand the work.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize two applications to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to cover services for up to 18 months of up to \$650,000 and one application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for up to \$200,000 for one year, and if awarded accept the funds.

STAFF CONTACT:

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