



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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September 28, 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 August 24, 2021 Meeting
3. VOTE: Accept Funds from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to Support Public Health
4. VOTE: Authorize an Application for the Economic Development Administration Build Back Better Program
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

September 2021
Item No. 2

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



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MEETING SUMMARY

August 24, 2021

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board 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.
Commission Chairman Ed Eilert, Johnson County, Kan.

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development
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
Katelyn Click, Financial Accounting Manager
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross was unable to attend so Mayor Weir led the meeting in his absence. Mayor Weir called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:44 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Weir provided instructions for participation. She 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.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Meeting

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from Anthem to Support Double Up Food Bucks

VOTE: Authorize an Application for a Safety Net Grant from Health Forward Foundation to Support the Community Health Worker Program

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of Pass-Through Funds from Everytown to Support Aim 4 Peace

VOTE: Accept a Grant from the Bloch Charitable Foundation to Support the Regional Housing Partnership

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez moved for approval of all items and Commissioner Harold Johnson seconded. All were in favor of approving agenda items 2 through 6. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Carson Ross, Chair

Date

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

September 2021
Item No. 3
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Accept Funds from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to Support Public Health

BACKGROUND:

MARC staff will give short updates on regional efforts in which we are engaged to support and coordinate regional response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

COVID-19 General Updates

- MAC-G Meeting on September 21
- Vaccination and Communications Strategies

MARC is working with United Way of Greater Kansas City, the Local Investment Commission (LISC), and the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to support grants to help residents impacted by the pandemic and economic downturn. The Fund raised approximately \$18 million and distributed grants to over 300 organizations.

MARC received a grant of \$500,000 in 2020 to support public health testing, communications, the regional data hub, and emergency assistance to disadvantaged residents. A report on the use of these and other foundation funds awarded to MARC will be provided.

The Advisory Board for the COVID-19 Regional Response and Recovery Fund is raising additional funds to support local public health with three projects, including (1) continued support for the regional data hub and analysis; (2) grants to emergency assistance agencies to help residents impacted due to the disease; and (3) incentive grants to local public health to support vaccination efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the acceptance of \$500,000 in funds to support COVID-19 public health response and recovery efforts.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Jennifer Sutherlin

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

September 2021
Item No. 4
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Application for the Economic Development Administration Build Back Better Program

BACKGROUND:

The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced several grant opportunities through the American Rescue Plan in August, including the Build Back Better (BBB) program. The BBB is intended to assist regions to invest in targeted industry clusters to recover from the pandemic and strengthen area economies. The application is two-phased, with the Phase One grant providing up to \$500,000 to support coalition building and project design, enabling regions to prepare for Phase Two. Between three and eight large projects may be identified in the Phase One application, and MARC or individual partners would apply for between \$25 and \$75 million for the large projects. MARC has worked with KC Rising, non-profits, colleges and universities, and other partners to draft an application for the biosciences industry cluster. The investments would be focused on research and development, commercialization, manufacturing and clinical trials, supply chain and logistics, and workforce development. The Phase One application is due October 19, 2021 and awards for approximately fifty-to-sixty applicants are expected by the end of the year. The Phase Two applications are due March 15, 2022 and up to thirty regions are expected to receive significant EDA funds.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The initial \$500,000 would be used for MARC staff support for coalition building, convening, and project planning. Subcontracts would be awarded for architecture, engineering, planning, and other professional services to further develop the projects identified for major investment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the application to the EDA and, if awarded, acceptance of \$500,000 in funds to support planning and investments in the biosciences industry cluster in partnership with KC Rising, area non-profits, colleges and universities, and other organizations.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
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