



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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November 25, 2025

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

In-person attendees in MARC's Westview Room with a remote option via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the October 28, 2025, Meeting
3. VOTE: Authorize grant application to and accept award from Health Forward Foundation for a capacity building grant to support organization-wide best practices for community and stakeholder engagement.
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn



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MEETING SUMMARY

October 28, 2025

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - Chair of the MARC Community Services Corporation
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Christian Rameriez, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO
Commissioner Tyler Vaughn, Miami County, KS

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning
Ashley Z Hand, Director of Local Government Services
Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Manager
Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez 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.



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VOTE: Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2025, Meeting

VOTE: Ratify a grant proposal to Jackson County to administer Child Care Works program.

VOTE: Approve contractual agreements with partnering organizations which assist with implementing the Double Up Food Bucks program.

VOTE: Ratify a grant proposal to Jackson County to support expanding food as medicine initiatives.

These items were discussed in detail during the Budget and Personnel committee meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez asked if there were any further questions.

Council member Bridget McCandless motioned to approve, and Commissioner Christian Ramirez seconded. The motion passes.

Other Business

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



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November 2025
Item No. 3
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize grant application to Health Forward Foundation for a capacity building grant to support organization-wide best practices for community and stakeholder engagement.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received the first two rounds of funding for a capacity building grant from Health Forward Foundation in December 2023 and November 2024. The purpose of the funding is to enable MARC staff to examine existing community engagement efforts and develop an organization-wide approach for how we engage with external stakeholders. In years one and two, funding was used to hire a consultant to support an existing staff work group and to provide training for staff. Project accomplishments include:

- Conducting staff focus groups on community engagement
- Providing staff training from KU
- Facilitating a discussion with 40 staff on identifying what is foundational to community engagement at MARC
- Developing an online toolkit of resources, training and best practices for staff
- Launching a community of practice for MARC staff

Year three funding will be used for personnel and consultant costs. Year three goals include:

- Finalizing staff-developed principles for community engagement
- Launching online toolkit of resources, training and best practices for staff
- Supporting a community of practice for MARC staff
- Extending discussions and training to include MARC committee chairs/members

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This is the third year of funding for this capacity building grant from Health Forward Foundation. The previous two awards were \$50,000 each. The year three award brings the total amount to \$150,000.

REVENUES	
Previously Awarded	\$100,000
Amount of current grant	\$50,000
Source	Health Forward Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$25,000
Contractual	\$25,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.



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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize grant application and agreement and acceptance of funds with the Health Forward Foundation for the capacity building grant to support development of MARC's community engagement work.

STAFF CONTACT:

Julie Phillips, Shared Service Program Director