



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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March 24, 2026

**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 December 16, 2025, Meeting
3. VOTE: Authorize submission of grant and if awarded accept funds from the Patterson Family Foundation for Community Health Worker Training and Technical Services.
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

AGENDA REPORT

Community Services Corporation

March 2026
Item No. 2

VOTE: Approve minutes of the Dec. 16, 2025, Community Services Corporation meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the Dec. 16, 2025, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the Dec. 16, 2025, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

- David Warm, Executive Director
- McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant



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MEETING SUMMARY

December 16, 2025

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - Chair of the Community Services Corporation

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO

Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS

Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS

Victor Hurlbert, Clay County Auditor

Commissioner Christian Ramirez, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director

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

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Manager

Darlene Pickett, Accountant III

Amanda Rehani, Grant Manager

McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:48 a.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.

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the November 25, 2025, Meeting

VOTE: Ratify the submission of a proposal in response to the Jackson County, MO, Nonprofit Partnership Grants request for applications and acceptance of funds if awarded.

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

Commissioner Hanzlick motioned to approve, and Commissioner Christian Ramirez seconded.

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The motion passes.

Other Business

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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Item No. 3

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Authorize submission of grant and if awarded accept funds from the Patterson Family Foundation for Community Health Worker Training and Technical Services.

BACKGROUND

For over a decade, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has convened a KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative and worked with local and state partners to build a strong workforce through training, advocacy and technical services. MARC has received funding since 2016 from the Health Forward Foundation for this healthcare workforce development program. The two state health departments have provided funds to MARC since 2022 to support free training to individuals desiring to become certified Community Health Workers and to build the skills and knowledge of current CHWs. Much of the training has been offered virtually, allowing participants from across the two states to benefit.

Funding from the two states was available from federal grants that are ending. MARC submitted a Letter of Interest to the Patterson Family Foundation, and MARC was invited to submit a full application. The funding would be used to support three areas of work:

1. Expand virtual CHW training for those interested in entering the profession and to enhance the skills of those already employed as CHWs, supervisors and trainers. This training will ensure that CHWs hired through the states' Rural Health Transformation Grant programs have access to quality core competency and skill-building training.
2. Offer training through the Kansas Corrections Department to individuals in state corrections facilities that are interested in becoming CHWs at the facility health clinics or upon reentry. MARC is currently funded to adapt training materials and develop continuing education modules for justice-involved CHW students. The foundation's funds would be used to engage trainers to offer the training on-site at the correctional facilities. Additionally, MARC can provide coaching and mentoring to facilities who are interested in becoming CHW curriculum providers and need support for capacity building.
3. Provide technical assistance and support to healthcare organizations employing CHWs on steps to bill Kansas Medicaid and Medicare for reimbursement of CHW services to patients. In addition, support expansion and integration of Community Paramedicine with CHWs across the two states through training and technical support.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Community Health Workers are front-line health care employees who help patients with chronic conditions and social drivers of health to improve their health status. The project will focus on increasing participants for training and technical assistance from rural and small-town areas in Kansas and western Missouri, including CHWs, healthcare organizations (hospitals, safety net clinics, public health agencies, etc.). The program will serve the KC metro area.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The following budget will be submitted to the Patterson Family Foundation for a 2-year grant.

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REVENUES	
Amount	\$835,000
Source	Patterson Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$340,000
Contractual	\$65,000 for MARC's Government Training Institute \$420,000 for trainers and ES Advisors LLC to support training, technical assistance and program evaluation
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$10,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

MARC provides the training at no cost to participants through virtual sessions and use of the Learning Management System operated through MARC's Government Training Institute. CHWs and others throughout the two states are eligible to register. Technical assistance will be provided to employers of CHWs and Community Paramedics throughout the two states with a focus on rural and small town areas, including Ray County.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the submission of an application of \$835,000 to the Patterson Family Foundation for work as described above and accept funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Hannayd Ruiz, Public Health Project Manager
- Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development