



# Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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September 28, 2021  
11:15 a.m.  
Remotely via Zoom

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email Karina Bielecki at [kbielecki@marc.org](mailto:kbielecki@marc.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 for instructions to join the teleconference.**

## AGENDA

### 1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

#### SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

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

#### COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

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

#### THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

- c. VOTE: Authorize a Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Support Homelessness Management Information System Work

#### HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- d. VOTE: Authorize a Federal Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Administer and Facilitate Phase One of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study
- e. VOTE: Authorize Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri to Support the Air Quality Program

#### QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

- f. VOTE: Authorize a Contract to Provide Support to The Family Conservancy's Start Young Program
- g. VOTE: Authorize MARC Head Start to Implement a Retention Pay Plan for Direct Service Providers' Staff in Response to COVID-19

### 2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)

- a. Approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Meeting

### 3. Other Business

### 4. Adjournment

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2021  
Item No. 1-a  
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

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2021  
Item No. 1-b  
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  
Beth Heslowitz

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## Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2021

Item No. 1-c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Support Homelessness Management Information System Work

### BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the MARC Board authorized the organization to serve as the lead agency for the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) on behalf of the region's three Continuum of Care organizations serving much of the homeless population in the Kansas City region (Wyandotte County Homeless Services Coalition, Johnson County Continuum of Care, and Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City serving Jackson County). The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is an internet-based data collection software application designed to capture information about the numbers, characteristics, and needs of houseless people and those at risk of becoming unhoused over time. Agencies receiving federal grant funds are required to use the system to track and report on services.

MARC has secured grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for several years in the past to support HMIS lead agency work, and MARC is eligible to apply for renewal for grant funding. MARC would use private funds and agency user fees to meet the required match. The funds would cover the HMIS system software license fee (CaseWorthy) and MARC staff support for a 12-month period. The annual fees charged to the thirty agencies using the system range from \$500 to \$6,000, depending on the number of programs included in the system.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$62,632 HUD Grant \$15,658 Agency User Fees \$35,000 Other Federal Funds \$59,750 Local Funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$124,803
Other (travel)	\$2,500

### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a grant application to HUD to support the HMIS Lead Agency responsibilities, for an amount not to exceed \$62,632.

### STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel  
Sherry Ellis

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September 2021  
Item No. 1-d  
Healthy Environment

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Federal Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Administer and Facilitate Phase One of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study

### BACKGROUND:

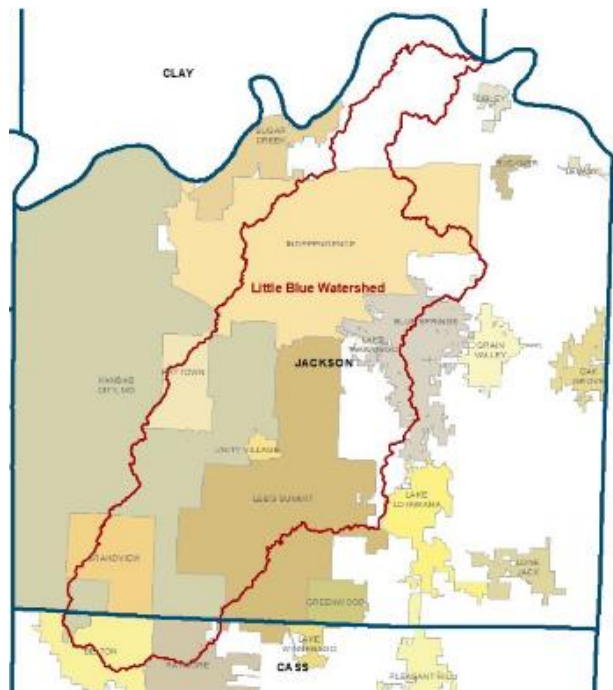
The Little Blue River Watershed is a 224 square-mile watershed, comprised of 12 jurisdictions with Kansas City, Missouri, Jackson County, Lee's Summit, and Independence making up 81% of the land area in the watershed. The watershed includes many substantial regional assets, including Longview and Blue Springs Lakes, and important recreational and habitat values tied to the Little Blue Trace Trail. Significant challenges in the watershed exist include flooding, water quality, sedimentation in the lakes, and erosion in the banks and bed of the main stem of the Little Blue and its tributaries.

Given the substantial historic federal investment in the watershed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received congressional authorization and appropriations to launch a watershed feasibility study. The study will evaluate the causes and dynamics of identified problems, then evaluate and prioritize alternative solutions. Once the study is completed, the Corps would work with local communities to implement solutions, with a cost share rate of 65% federal to 35% local. Study goals articulated to date include:

- Long-term viability of federal infrastructure investments
- Reliable flood protection along the Little Blue River and its tributaries
- Stable tributary channels, river banks, and bed elevation, and
- Natural habitat and ecosystem protection and restoration.

Similar to a previous collaboration with the Corps on the River Bed Degradation Study, local communities requested that MARC serve as the formal study sponsor. In this role, MARC will administer and manage the project, and facilitate discussions among the Corps and participating communities. Participating communities will contribute the required 50% of project costs through a formula based on the percentage of land area in the watershed attributable to each community. Participating communities at this time include Belton, Blue Springs, Independence, Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, Grandview, Lee's Summit and Raytown.

The overall project is estimated to cost between one and three million dollars. Given the uncertainty regarding the details of overall project scope and cost, communities agreed to



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collaborate in an initial process to clarify the project's scope and budget. Total phase one costs will be \$70,000. Local communities will contribute a total of \$45,000, and federal resources will provide a match of \$25,000. MARC will retain \$20,000 for administration, project management, and facilitation. This process is anticipated to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2022. MARC will facilitate conversations with all partners to ensure that local and federal interests are appropriately addressed. At the conclusion of Phase One, staff will report back to the Board about outcomes and next steps.

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

REVENUES	
Amount	\$45,000
Source	Local community contributions
Amount	\$25,000
Source	Federal contribution through USACE
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$20,000
Pass-Through	\$50,000

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize memoranda of agreement with participating communities and execute a federal cost share agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for \$50,000 to complete the Phase One Scoping process for the Little Blue River Watershed feasibility study.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Tom Jacobs

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Item No. 1-e  
Healthy Environment

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri to Support the Air Quality Program

**BACKGROUND:**

MARC has been actively involved in air quality issues since the early 1970s and, since 1978, has served as the official air quality planning organization for the bistate metro area under section 174 of the federal Clean Air Act. Section 174 requires that states appoint an organization to coordinate local input to the development of the state air quality implementation plans.

MARC's air quality responsibilities include coordination, planning, technical analysis, and public information and education. MARC has no regulatory authority related to air quality issues but makes recommendations to the state air quality agencies concerning air quality planning and regulatory measures.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Kansas and Missouri each provide planning funds to support regional air quality work on an annual basis. These amounts are consistent with previous years and scopes of work, and have been included in the MARC budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$108,710
Source	Kansas Department of Health and Environment & Missouri Department of Natural Resources
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$44,610
Contractual	\$62,750
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1,350

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize solicitation and acceptance of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$108,710, from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the MARC air quality program for the fiscal period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Karen Clawson

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September 2021  
Item No. 1-f  
Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize a Contract to Provide Support to The Family Conservancy’s Start Young Program

**BACKGROUND:**

MARC’s Department of Early Learning provides leadership for the development and implementation of a community-driven, outcomes-based plan for a comprehensive early learning system. The Family Conservancy (TFC) administers the Start Young program, a public-private collaborative designed to improve childcare in Wyandotte County, increasing access to high-quality, full-day, year-round childcare for working families.

TFC wishes to contract with MARC to provide Early Learning Program Profiles (ELPP) and professional development grants to Start Young partner programs. This project complements and supports other initiatives within MARC’s Early Learning department. Most of the funds MARC receives will be passed through for ELPP classroom assessments and professional development grants. A portion of the funds will be used to support existing MARC staff time in the management and oversight of the project subcontracts and to support data entry and coordination of program supports.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Funding from this contract was included in the 2021 and 2022 budgets.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$70,162
Source	The Family Conservancy
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$14,507
Contractual	\$17,400
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$38,255

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize a contract agreement with TFC, in an amount not to exceed \$70,162, to support the Start Young program.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Jovanna Rohs  
Kyle Matchell



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Item No. 1-g  
Quality Early Learning

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize MARC Head Start to Implement a Retention Pay Plan for Direct Service Providers' Staff in Response to COVID-19

### BACKGROUND:

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, MARC Head Start has maintained services for children and families enrolled in all program options, and we continue to provide support to all 17 Direct Service Providers (DSPs) in our Head Start network by meeting their needs whenever possible. During this time, our providers have maintained varying degrees of in-person and/or virtual programming; some have maintained in-person classes throughout the pandemic, while others have recently re-opened classrooms or will be doing so soon.

One of the numerous challenges our DSPs face during this unprecedented time is retaining staff. As the Office of Head Start has allocated funds for COVID-related expenditures, MARC Head Start will continue to recognize the value of having a consistent and well-trained staff by implementing a quarterly retention payment plan. This plan will apply to most DSP staff members for whom Head Start funding covers any portion of their payroll expense. The number of regular hours worked by each eligible employee, excluding any paid leave, will be calculated at the end of the 90-day period. Within 30 days after the end of the quarter, MARC Head Start will provide to each participating provider an aggregate amount of \$2.00 per hour for each eligible employee for that timeframe. The provider is responsible for disseminating the appropriate payment amount to their individual staff members through their own payroll process. All applicable payroll taxes will be the responsibility of the DSPs.

The following eleven of MARC's Head Start and Early Head Start Direct Service Providers elected to participate and submitted data to determine the total budgetary impact for implementing a Retention Pay Plan for one full year (retroactive to July 2021):

Blue Springs School District	Tier 1 - Contractual
Emmanuel Family & Child Development Center	Tier 1 - Contractual
Front Porch Alliance	Tier 1 - Contractual
Guadalupe Centers	Tier 1 - Contractual
Learn-A-Lot	Tier 1 - Contractual
Raytown School District	Tier 1 - Contractual
Ability KC	Tier 2 - Contractual
United Inner City Services	Tier 2 - Contractual
Independence School District	Tier 3 - Subrecipient/Pass-Through
Operation Breakthrough	Tier 3 - Subrecipient/Pass-Through
YMCA	Tier 3 - Subrecipient/Pass-Through

The cost is expected to average \$398,750 per quarter, for a total one-year cost of \$1,595,000.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of this Retention Pay Plan is an allowable expense within the Head Start COVID-19 supplemental funding through the Administration for Children and Families, as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the

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American Rescue Plan (ARP). MARC Head Start was awarded a combined total of \$3,556,489 from these funding sources, and the grant covers a two-year period through March 31, 2023.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$ 1,595,000
Source	Administration for Children and Families - CRRSAA and ARP
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Subrecipient/Pass-Through	\$ 924,675
Contractual	\$ 670,325
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Total	\$ 1,595,000

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The MARC Head Start Policy Council and Advisory Committee approved this Retention Pay Plan during a joint meeting on September 13, 2021.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize MARC Head Start to implement a quarterly Retention Pay Plan and expend COVID-19 supplemental Head Start funds to cover a one-year period of July 2021 through June 2022.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Steven Lewis  
Jovanna Rohs

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September 2021  
Item No. 2-a

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve the 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



## BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

August 24, 2021

11:15 a.m.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### OTHERS

Kaleb Lilly, RubinBrown

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eileen Weir called the meeting to order at 11:16 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.

*Financial and Program Reports and Discussion*

## CORE CAPACITIES

### REPORT: Discuss and Review Second Quarter Financial Statements

Ms. Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration at MARC, presented financial statements for the year as of June 30, 2021. She shared revenues and expenditures by fund for the year to date. While most revenues and expenditures were on track, at about thirty to forty percent of their budgeted total, Ms. Gonzales noted that General Fund revenues are higher since MARC books revenues from local dues when they are invoiced. Uncollected dues will be written off in the third quarter. Ms. Gonzales shared that almost all local dues have been received, with only one member still outstanding. 2022 dues will be determined soon based on data received from the 2020 Census. Ms. Gonzales noted that while MARC's cash flow is healthy, investments are not performing as well as hoped and the budgeted investment income of \$120,000 will likely be revised to around \$80,000.

Ms. Gonzales shared some background on MARC's indirect cost allocation plan. The federal government has established a method of allocating indirect costs to grants through a negotiated indirect cost allocation rate. MARC must develop an annual Indirect Cost Allocation Plan based on the most recently completed audit year. The plan includes both indirect rates and fringe benefit rates. There are clearly defined parameters of what the funds can be used for: work that supports the entire agency and can't be attributed to any one grant. The final rate is negotiated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, MARC's cognizant federal agency. MARC monitors both indirect and fringe rates on a monthly basis; current rates are in line with what has been federally negotiated. Ms. Gonzales paused for questions, but there were none.

### *Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures*

## EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

### VOTE: Approve the Use of Missouri Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funds to Establish a Roadway Preventive Maintenance Program

Mr. Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment at MARC, requested approval to use Missouri Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds to supplement deferred maintenance work that was unable to be completed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Missouri Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities Committee directed MARC to coordinate a set of mill and overlay projects in the region utilizing CRRSAA dollars. Approximately \$8.4 million will be available for this work in Missouri. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) recommended approval of this fund usage at its July 2021 meeting. MoDOT will disburse funds to MARC, who will acquire contracts for needed engineering and construction services and enter into agreements with local governments to fund work on roadway systems. MARC anticipates distributing the funds with minimum allocations of \$50,000 to communities with populations between five-to-ten thousand, and other allocations to larger communities based on population. Mr. Achelpohl requested approval to set up the program and enter into an agreement with MoDOT to receive the available funding. He paused for questions, but there were none.

## THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

### VOTE: Authorize an RFP Release, Contract Extensions, and Purchases to Support Community Home-Delivered Meals

Mr. James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services at MARC, shared that MARC continues to normalize home-delivered meals services that were enacted under the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Missouri governor's declaration of an emergency situation expires, MARC must ensure that partners are prepared to take the service forward and expand it in the future. Mr. Stowe requested authorization to release an RFP with two components; the first is for repacking meals in a central facility. This service is currently being provided by Kanbe's Markets, but the RFP will allow for clarification on regulations under a non-emergency situation. The second component of the RFP will be for delivery of meals from the central re-packing facility to clients' homes. MARC intends to attract current partners who are already doing this work under emergency conditions and find out what it would take to continue services in the future. Mr. Stowe also requested an extension of MARC's

contract with Kanbe's Markets, of approximately \$161,000, to extend this work from September 2021 through mid-January 2022. Finally, MARC also needs to purchase equipment to deliver meals. MARC plans to purchase up to ten Ford Transit vehicles, likely from Shawnee Mission Ford, for delivery in early 2022 to be outfitted as freezer vans. Mr. Stowe paused for questions, but there were none.

VOTE: Authorize an Agreement with the University of Missouri and the Addition of Funds for the University of Kansas Medical Center to Expand the Double Up Food Bucks Heartland Program

Ms. Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development at MARC, shared an update on MARC's Double Up Food Bucks program. In April 2021, the USDA invited current grantees to apply for the new Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program COVID Response and Relief (GusNIP CRR) grant. The funding for this opportunity was appropriated to the USDA by the COVID Response and Relief Act of 2021. No local match was required for these funds. MARC submitted a proposal on behalf of the Double Up Heartland Collaborative in May 2021 with objectives of expanding the program to more Missouri locations outside of the Kansas City area and expanding evaluation survey efforts. The GusNIP CRR grant included funds to implement these expansions. Ms. Nagel requested authorization for a \$461,236 agreement with the University of Missouri Extension to administer the program in new regions and a \$450,610 agreement with the University of Kansas Medical Center to administer evaluation surveys in the new locations. Ms. Nagel paused for questions, but there were none.

VOTE: Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Kansas State University to Support Double Up Food Bucks

Ms. Nagel shared that the original proposal for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program in 2020 included several partners that would coordinate the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) program in areas of Kansas and Missouri that are outside of the MARC region. The Greater Wichita YMCA was to coordinate the Double Up Food Bucks program in the Wichita, Kansas area. However, due to restructuring later that year, the Greater Wichita YMCA made the decision to transition away from administering the Double Up Food Bucks program. At that time, staff from the YMCA, MARC, and K-State Research and Extension (KSRE), met to discuss transitioning the Wichita markets to KSRE for coordination. KSRE has a significant presence in the Wichita area that the program coordinator can tap into for assistance when working with the markets. Ms. Nagel requested approval for a \$160,508 increase to KSRE's budget for the Double Up Food Bucks program from 2020-2024 to support coordination and administration of the healthy food incentive at Wichita and other Kansas farmers' markets. There were no questions.

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

Ms. Nagel noted that, with the expansion of the DUFB program into central Missouri, there is a need to communicate the program's existence to households that would benefit from it. Anthem Foundation has offered a \$100,000 grant to cover additional outreach and marketing costs for this purpose. Ms. Nagel requested acceptance of the grant award; there were no questions.

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

Ms. Nagel reported on MARC's work supporting the Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative. MARC has worked with KC CARE Health Center on an initiative to deploy Community Health Workers (CHWs) at hospitals and clinics, to serve MARC's Area Agency on Aging clients with chronic disease education, and to identify resources to address client needs (food, transportation, medicine, utility/rent assistance, other). Last year, MARC and the KC CARE Health Center were awarded \$250,000 in foundation funds to hire, supervise, and deploy CHWs during calendar year 2021.

KC CARE has asked MARC to apply to continue the program for 2022, serving 2,500 patients. On behalf of a collaboration between MARC and KC CARE Health Center, MARC will request \$325,000 from the Health Forward Foundation (HFF) to support the salary of four Community Health Workers, a portion of the salary for program supervisors, administration and leadership, program supplies, and equipment.

The Care Coordination program targets clients with significant barriers to accessing and participating in care and who are at high risk of falling out of care. The program targets the uninsured and underinsured, low-income residents at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), BIPOC, and other populations who face multiple obstacles to care. The target population is from a geographic area that spans the Greater Kansas City metro within both Missouri and Kansas. The program strives to: (1) improve the participants' experience of receiving care and healthcare management; (2) improve the health outcomes of uninsured, underinsured, and underserved Kansas City residents; and (3) reduce overall healthcare costs. Ms. Nagel requested authorization to apply for a grant from the Health Forward Foundation to support the program for 2022; there were no questions.

#### SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

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

Ms. Nagel shared that the Kansas City, Missouri, Health Department supports a violence-prevention initiative, Aim 4 Peace, and has asked MARC to assist the department and its program by serving as the fiscal agent for charitable contributions. A national organization, Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, has awarded Aim 4 Peace a two-year \$100,000 grant. At the discretion of the fund, Aim 4 Peace may be eligible for an additional \$40,000 contingent grant.

Funds may be used for infrastructure and operating expenses to support any activity that strengthens the organization's capacity to successfully address gun violence. Aim 4 Peace will work with targeted hospitals to send outreach workers to emergency rooms to meet with family and friends of gunshot victims and support them to reduce retaliation or escalation of violence. MARC CSC will accept the funds, retain \$1,000 for administrative expenses, and pass through the remaining funds to the Kansas City, MO Health Department on behalf of Aim 4 Peace. Ms. Nagel requested authorization to apply for, receive, and pass-through funds. Mayor Weir inquired if other health departments in the region were participating in the Aim 4 Peace initiative. Ms. Nagel replied that only Kansas City, Missouri is participating, but they would likely welcome the opportunity to visit on the subject with other departments. There were no further questions.

##### VOTE: Approve a Change Order to Purchase Radio Equipment for Upgrading the Microwave Network

Mr. Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director at MARC, requested approval for a change order to purchase upgraded radio equipment. In 2020, the MARC Board approved an agreement with Nokia to provide material and installation for a planned upgrade to prepare for the Next Generation 911 (NG911) requirements. During the planning and engineering for the upgrade, Nokia presented an opportunity to increase the system from a one channel radio to two channels. This will improve the system by doubling the bandwidth available in the microwave ring for the region and taking full advantage of the capacities of the new microwave radios. This upgrade will meet the requirements for NG911 applications and provide flexibility for future bandwidth needs in the region. The change order will cost an additional \$417,330.20. There were no questions.

##### VOTE: Approve the Purchase of Call-taking Hardware for Regional Workstations

Mr. Winebrenner reminded the MARC Board that the Public Safety Communications Board approved the start of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) VESTA Call-taking hardware replacement program. The intent is to replace 60 of the 240 regional PSAP workstations each year. Mr. Winebrenner requested approval of an agreement with Motorola that would replace equipment in Harrisonville, Lees Summit, North Kansas City, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Grandview, Lenexa, and Johnson County for a total of \$551,790. There were no questions.

#### EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. Lauren Palmer, Assistant Community Development Director and Local Government Services Director at MARC, shared that MARC is working with the Kansas City Local Initiatives Support

Corporation (LISC) to create a Regional Housing Partnership. The goal is to combine the housing expertise of LISC with the regional convening expertise of MARC to create the elements necessary for an effective housing system. Many organizations in the region are involved in good work to expand affordable housing, but these efforts are disconnected and could benefit from an enhanced housing system that expands and sustains access to affordable, quality housing. This vision will be accomplished through seven elements: (1) market data and analytics; (2) networked leadership; (3) financing and development tools; (4) production capacity; (5) rental and ownership support systems; (6) supportive public policy and (7) public education. This work is an extension of the Regional Housing Summit and Report completed in 2019 with the First Suburbs Coalition.

MARC received a grant from the Marion and Henry Bloch Charitable Foundation to launch the partnership and fundraising is ongoing. The grant award will fund a full-time employee to staff this initiative and part-time support from MARC's local government services and research services. Ms. Palmer requested authorization to accept the \$560,000 grant award. There were no questions.

#### QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

##### VOTE: Approve an Annual Contract with ChildPlus Software to maintain Head Start Records for the 2021-2022 Grant Year

Mr. Steven Lewis, Mid-America Head Start Program Director at MARC, shared that MARC Head Start has contracted with ChildPlus, Inc. as the primary record keeping system for Head Start since 2006. This database is used to house information on all children and their families, as well as staff for all seventeen providers. The data is used to track the progress in meeting Head Start Performance Standards and MARC Head Start goals. Additionally, data is reported to the Office of Head Start in an annual Program Information Report that is required by Head Start Federal Regulations. Mr. Lewis requested approval for an annual contract renewal with ChildPlus at a cost of \$50,426.53 from November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022. There were no questions.

##### VOTE: Approve the Purchase of Technology Equipment and Supplies for Head Start Direct Service Providers

Mr. Lewis requested approval to use CARES Act supplemental funds awarded in July 2020 to purchase computers, monitors, laptops, and scanners for family service staff. These purchases will be for staff whose equipment is over 5 years old and no longer under warranty. Many of our family service staff are working with computers that are over 10 years old. Family service staff are responsible for obtaining the necessary documents required for each child's complete health record. The documentation they provide tells the stories of the impact of Head Start on the families MARC Head Start serves. Updated equipment will help with efficiency, reliability, and timeliness. Mr. Lewis requested authorization to purchase technology upgrades for ten programs at a total cost not to exceed \$75,300. There were no questions.

##### VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures) Approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Curt Skoog moved for approval of all agenda items and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick seconded. Mayor Weir asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items. All were in favor of approving agenda items 1-a through 3-a. The motion passed.

#### Other Business

There was no other business.

#### Adjournment

Mayor Weir adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.



MINUTES APPROVED:

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Eileen Weir, Chair

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Date