

Board Members Present:

Nina North Murphy, Chairperson
William (Bill) Siedhoff, Vice Chairperson

Patrick Brennan, Treasurer
Sarah Sims, Secretary

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present:

Shaelene Plank, Executive Director
Kelly Head, Executive Assistant

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- I. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order at **2:00 pm by Nina North Murphy**
 - II. Review Risk Management Plan
 - Shaelene Plank reviewed the annual Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan.
 - The committee discussed the organization's highest identified risk: inadequate Targeted Case Management (TCM) reimbursement rates that do not cover service delivery costs.
 - Medium-level risks included potential reductions or elimination of property taxes and state budget cuts or insufficient funding increases.
 - Shaelene recommended focusing the Risk Management Plan on the highest-risk area, noting that the organization's Strategic Plan already addresses the medium-risk items through related initiatives. Proposed mitigation strategies include:
 - Exploring partnerships and collaborations with other TCM entities to decrease costs.
 - Completing scenario planning and business planning for serving all TCM consumers in St. Louis City.
 - Increasing staff productivity and billable service hours.
 - Improving Medicaid billing accuracy and reducing claim denials.
 - Continuing growth in the number of consumers served.
 - Educating legislators regarding TCM funding needs.
 - Discussion included recent growth in the TCM program, which served approximately 650 consumers during the previous year.
 - Shaelene attributed much of this growth to outreach and recruitment efforts within schools, resource fairs, and community events.
 - **Patrick Brennan moved to approve the Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for recommendation to the full Board.**
 - **William Siedhoff seconded the motion.**
 - **All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.**
 - III. Board engagement plans
 - The committee discussed board engagement opportunities for the coming year.

- Shaelene provided updates regarding plans for the annual consumer holiday party and the staff/board holiday gathering.
- Members discussed potential educational and site-visit opportunities, including:
 - Housing-focused visits to learn more about community-based housing options and housing initiatives.
 - Visits to funded agencies and service providers.
 - A TCM educational workshop to help board members better understand the consumer journey from referral through service coordination.
 - Educational sessions regarding the state legislative process, including how developmental disability funding priorities move through the legislative cycle and opportunities for board advocacy.
 - Committee members expressed interest in both service-delivery education and legislative advocacy training.

IV. Board Housing Committee

- Shaelene Plank discussed identifying a meeting date that would accommodate the members of the ad hoc Housing Committee.
 - Committee members agreed to schedule the Housing Committee meeting for:
October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

V. Easter Region Alliance update

- Shaelene provided an update regarding the Eastern Region Alliance.
 - The committee was informed that upcoming retirement plans within the Alliance's technology leadership have prompted discussions regarding the long-term sustainability of the Alliance's grant management system.
 - Alliance leaders are planning a comprehensive review and refresh process. The anticipated effort will include:
 - Reassessing Alliance operations and structure.
 - Evaluating and implementing a new grant management system.
 - Expanding collaboration among member organizations' information technology resources.
 - Ensuring organizational sustainability and succession planning for future leadership.
 - The project is expected to take approximately two years and costs will be shared among Alliance partners.

VI. TCM contract update

- Shaelene Plank reported that the organization continues to operate under a temporary extension of its TCM contract with the State through September 30, 2026.
- A new contract was recently reviewed by the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS) and legal counsel. Several concerns were identified and communicated to the State, with a small number of key issues highlighted for further consideration.

- The committee discussed the likelihood of an additional 90-day extension while negotiations continue.

VII. Legislative updates

- Shaelene Plank provided legislative updates related to property tax policy and state funding discussions.
 - Key topics included:
 - Ongoing discussions surrounding property tax legislation.
 - Shaelene noted that Representative Christ called on the governor to convene a special session on property taxes to advance a solution.
 - Continued outreach and meetings with state legislators during the interim legislative period.
 - Potential alternatives that could mitigate impacts should changes to property taxation occur.
 - Recent state activity related to downtown redevelopment initiatives.
 - Shaelene reported positive engagement with legislators and ongoing efforts to educate policymakers regarding the organization's mission and funding needs.
 - Additionally, committee members were informed of an upcoming housing symposium scheduled for October 15, 2026, and were encouraged to attend if interested.

VIII. Adjourn –

- **Motion to adjourn by William Siedhoff.**
Seconded by Patrick Brennan.
All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.



Sarah Sims, Secretary

7/24/26

Date Approved