



# CICS

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## District 3 CICS Advisory Council

May 6, 2026

CICS Franklin County Conference Room

**Council Members Present:** Renee Christensen, Kelly Fink, Jan Heidemann, Eric Kacer, Richard Lukensmeyer, Laurie McBride, Monica VanHorn, Ken Zimmerman. **Members Absent:** Cara Ferch **CICS Staff present:** Kaitlyn Hoeft, PM; Lisa Loux; Danielle Reetz PM; Jen Sheehan, DSNPM; Russell Wood, CEO. **Public Present:** Reagan

**Motion to approve the May 6, 2026 agenda. Motion by Jan Heidemann second by Ken Zimmerman. All ayes, motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the February 4, 2026 minutes. Motion by Eric Kacer second by Jan Heidemann. All ayes, motion carried.**

**Jen Sheehan, DSNPM** provided an overview of the shift from local regions to the new responsibilities with the Disability Access Point of system navigation and support for non-Medicaid individuals and helping them understand available options. As CICS has expanded to 44 counties, three project managers, one for each district, have been added to focus on system development and lead agency work. Jen updated the Council on her role changing to lead agency program management to help facilitate standardized processes for the three project managers.

**Danielle Reetz, PM** shared that she has been meeting with both the Advisory Council members and stakeholders in the District to identify some reoccurring barriers for individuals in our communities. Affordable housing, transportation, and homelessness being identified as having a lack of resources and funding. Going forward, her plan is reaching out to more stakeholders to gain insight into what is happening within the District, working on implementing the District plan and working with leadership to get a network established in the District.

**Russell Wood, CEO** provided a summary of the creation of a Community Systems Network and the role of the Advisory Council members participation and how to come up with a plan that is actionable.

Board Chair asked for public comment.

Next Meeting is **August 11, 2026.**

**Motion by Ken Zimmerman second by Laurie McBride to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.**

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Lisa Loux, Recording Secretary

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Monica VanHorn, Board Chair

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