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District 2 CICS Advisory Council

February 3rd, 2026

CICS Franklin County Conference Room

Council Members Present: Don Anderson, Sandy Mireles, Eileen Meier, LeAnn Rimmer. **Members Absent:** Domanick Beresford, Beth Plautz, Gary Rayhons, Stacia Timmer. **CICS Staff present:** Meghan Freie, COO; Lisa Loux; Ally Porath; Russell Wood, CEO. **Public Present:** Krys Purscell, Reagan Crabtree

Chair Pro tem: LeAnn Rimmer volunteered as Beth Plautz and Gary Rayhons were both absent.

Motion to approve the February 3, 2026 agenda. Motion by Sandy Mireles, second by Don Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the November 4, 2025 minutes. Motion by Sandy Mireles, second by Eileen Meier. All ayes, motion carried.

Farrah Olson joined the meeting at this point.

Krys Purscell introduced herself to the Council. Purscell is the Executive Director of Iowa Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and shared her interest in collaborating with the Advisory Council.

Russell Wood, CEO provided an overview of the finalized District 2 Plan Priorities which used both quantitative and qualitative data and input from Providers in the District to identify district gaps. The group discussed the top five priorities as transportation barriers across rural counties, affordable and supportive housing development, system navigation and resource coordination, Legislative and funding limitations, and community education and engagement. Next steps and the role of the Advisory Council in the development and implementation of a network of a “no-wrong door system” and collective materials toolkit in each District were reviewed with a goal of March 31, 2026, for establishing both. Addition of hiring a Disability Access Point Project Manager in each District to lead community support and outreach efforts and engage with providers was discussed. The Council explored the importance of including other perspectives, such as churches and the Chambers of Commerce, in outreach efforts for inclusion in activities.

Board Chair asked for public comment.

Next Meeting is May 5, 2026.

Motion by Sandy Mireles second by Farrah Olson to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.

Lisa Loux, Recording Secretary

LeAnn Rimmer, Pro Tem Chair

