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## District 3 CICS Advisory Council

February 4, 2026

CICS Franklin County Conference Room

**Council Members Present:** Cara Ferch, Kelly Fink, Jan Heidemann, Laurie McBride, Monica VanHorn, Ken Zimmerman.

**Members Absent:** Renee Christensen, Eric Kacer, Richard Lukensmeyer **CICS Staff present:** Meghan Freie, COO; Lisa Loux; Danielle Reetz; Russell Wood, CEO. **Public Present:**

**Motion to approve the February 4, 2026 agenda. Motion by Cara Ferch second by Ken Zimmerman?. All ayes, motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the November 5, 2025 minutes. Motion by Ken Zimmerman second by Cara Ferch. All ayes, motion carried.**

**Russell Wood, CEO** provided an overview of the finalized District 3 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 three priorities as information sharing and navigation hub, stakeholder outreach and partnerships, and legislative engagement and funding advocacy. 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. Next steps and the role of the Advisory Council in developing a district-wide navigation workflow and referral guide were reviewed with a goal of March 31, 2026. Participating in legislative roundtables and provider forum development was explored. The Council discussed the importance of including other perspectives, such as churches, the Chambers of Commerce and lived experience, in outreach efforts for inclusion in the community.

Board Chair asked for public comment.

Next Meeting is **May 6, 2026**.

**Motion by Ken Zimmerman second by Kelly Fink to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.**

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Lisa Loux, Recording Secretary

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Monica VanHorn, Board Chair