

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SB40
RESOURCE BOARD**

Date: September 8, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: meeting held in-person at the SB40 Union Office and via Webex

Board Present via Webex: Ms. Laura Conley, Mr. Paul LaVigne, MS. Colleen Kuenzel

Board Present in-person: Ms. Linda Sentivany, Mr. Larry Sikes, Mr. Mark Hagen, Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, Mr. Walter Murray Jr.

Board Absent: Ms. Katherine Chambers

Staff Present via Webex: None

Staff Present in person: Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald, Ms. Rebecca Sinklear, Ms. Amanda Sammet, Ms. Diane White, Ms. Katie Richarz

Agenda-MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Mr. Mark Hagen, to approve the September 2025 agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comments-none

Agency Presentations-

- a. TCM- Diane White, Director of TCM, reported that the Service Coordination program currently has 1 Service Coordinator in training and 3 Service Coordinators who are continuing to receive mentorship from TCM admin as they go through their first-year transition. Ms. White reported that the Service Coordinators continue to tackle the DMH guideline changes, required training, and additional caseload coverage. Ms. White stated that the Service Coordinators linked 324 individuals to free community inclusion opportunities as well as continuing to try and locate residential providers for the individuals on the state consumer referral database. Ms. White reported that the Service Coordinators were busy this quarter due to Ability moving 21 residential individuals into different homes. Ms. White reported on the Service Coordinators years of work experience stating of the 14 Service Coordinators 7 have less than one year work experience, 3 have 1-2 year work experience, 2 have 3-5 year work experience, 1 Service Coordinator, 1 QAM, and Assistant Director of Service Coordination have 6-10 years' work experience, and 1 Service Coordinators, 1 QAM, and the Director of Service Coordination have 11-21 years of work experience. Ms. White reported that the current total number of consumers is 710 with 80% receiving Medicaid, 310 consumers have a Medicaid waiver. Ms. White reported that for the 2025 Fiscal Year 15,579 log reviews were completed, 2,496 Person-Centered Service Plan service monitoring meetings were held in-person, and 1,261 Person-Centered Service Plan meetings were held in-person.

- b. Empac- Tim Poepsel, during his presentation on Empac services at the workshops, reported a total of 163 certified employees and 46 staff members operating between the two facilities in Washington and Sullivan. Mr. Poepsel stated that there are 84 at the Washington location and 79 at the Sullivan location. Mr. Poepsel reported there are currently 15 individuals on the waitlist to begin working and those 15 are expected to begin by the end of September. Mr. Poepsel stated that the work has currently picked up, allowing a need to bring individuals off the waitlist.
- c. Empac - Sara Gratzner covered Empac's competitive employment programs. Ms. Gratzner reported there are currently 154 customers enrolled. Ms. Gratzner reported having 197 consumers participate in the summer work program. Ms. Gratzner stated there are currently zero participating in the career planning and job development programs, however this was expected, which is the reason the funding request for this program was reduced for the 2026 Fiscal Year. Ms. Gratzner reported that the Horizon's program, contracted through Washington School District, currently has 10 students participating in the program. Ms. Gratzner reported that the Power Day Habilitation program, which started in February 2025, currently has 19 individuals actively participating.

Minutes- The members of the board reviewed August 11, 2025, meeting minutes

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Wilmescherr, to approve the August 11, 2025, meeting minutes after correcting two identified typo errors. Motion carried (7-0).

Treasurer's Report- Ms. Amanda Sammet, Accountant, presented the August 2025 financial reports.

MOTION was made by Mr. Larry Sikes, seconded by Mr. Mark Hagen, to accept the August 2025 Treasurer's report. Motion carried (7-0).

Executive Director's Report- Ms. MacDonald reported that the Missouri State Board of Education voted to close 12 schools for students with disabilities by the end of June 2026. She noted that 6 of these 12 schools were already under "temporary emergency closure" due to staffing shortages. According to Ms. MacDonald, Missouri is currently the only state that runs separate schools specifically for special education. Ms. MacDonald's report included results from a recent parent satisfaction poll in which 85% of respondents felt that MSSD better met their child's needs than previous schools. Ms. MacDonald reported on a lawsuit filed by Missouri legislators, including Republican State Senators Mike Moon and Bryant Wolfen, claiming that the stadium funding for the Royals and Chiefs is unconstitutional. The case alleges the bill authorizes public aid for private interests and combines unrelated subjects. It also claims the property tax provisions are "special laws" forbidden by the constitution. The lawsuit also alleges the bill was improperly amended to exceed its original purpose. Ms. MacDonald reported on the Senate Bill 3 (Show Me Sports Investment Act). Ms. MacDonald detailed the concerns from opponents of SB3, who feel the Royals/Chiefs stadium deal could risk local revenue for Missouri Districts. Ms. MacDonald went on to report that it appears that Franklin

County voters would decide whether to require a tax credit for real property tax increases, effectively freezing real property taxation in the county. Ms. MacDonald highlighted the potential negative effects of SB3 on Missouri Special Districts, suggesting it could limit their ability to meet growing service demands and provide essential services. Ms. MacDonald further stated that the Franklin County SB40, which receives about \$2.5 million in tax revenue (75% from real property tax and 25% from personal property tax), could be negatively affected.

Board Officer Term Limit Discussion – The members of the board discussed moving forward to amend the organization’s by-laws regarding officer terms. The proposed amendment would remove term limits, permitting board officers to seek re-election and serve continuous terms, as they so choose subject to a majority vote during the annual officer elections.

New Business – None

Old Business – Ms. MacDonald reported on the successful removal of the 2 Ash trees at the end of the lower-level parking lot that were causing a safety concern due to falling debris.

Closed Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, and seconded by Ms. Laura Conley, to move into closed session per RSMO 610.021 subsections (2) (11) (18). Ms. Linda Sentivany performed a roll call vote. Mr. Larry Sikes yes, Ms. Laura Conley yes, Mr. Paul LaVigne yes, Mr. Walter Murray Jr. Yes, Mr. Steve Wilmesherr yes, Ms. Colleen Keunzel yes, Mr. Mark Hagen yes. Motion carried (7-0)

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., and seconded by Mr. Mark Hagen to have Ms. Kimberlyn MacDonald seek RFP for items on pages 3,9,16 and such other items that are required by the Department of Mental Health and to reach out to Cochran Engineering for consultation and plans. Motion carried (7-0)

MOTION was made by Mr. Walter Murray Jr., seconded by Mr. Steve Wilmesherr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura L Conley (Oct 15, 2025 09:16:08 CDT)

Ms. Laura Conley

Recorded by,



Ms. Rebecca Sinklear

ATTACHMENTS

TCM Report
August 2025 Financial Reports
Executive Director Report
Missourian Newspaper Articles







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Final Audit Report

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