



MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

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To: Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate
John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House
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From: Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

Subject: Biennial Report to the Illinois General Assembly Covering activities from 2021 – 2022

In accordance with Section 10 (f) of Public Act 95-693, the Mid-Illinois Medical District Act, the Commission submits its Report of Operations for the prior two calendar years, 2021-2022. The following report identifies significant actions during the reporting period, identifies challenges and opportunities facing the District and Commission, and sets forth plans for 2023 and 2024.

Commission Members

By statute, the Commission is made up of eleven members: six members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, four members appointed by the Mayor of Springfield with the advice and consent of the Springfield City Council, and one member appointed by the Chairperson of the Sangamon County Board.

Commissioner	Appointment
Charlene Aaron	Governor
Rex Brown	Governor
Egbe Egiebor	Governor
Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President	Governor
Jack Mazzotti	Governor
John Stremsterfer	Governor
Erica Austin	City of Springfield
Ryan Croke, President	City of Springfield
Joe Hurwitz, Secretary	City of Springfield
Gurpreet Mander	City of Springfield
Norm Sims	Sangamon County

In addition, the City of Springfield and Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance contributed staff support to the Commission. Ramona Metzger has been the Commission's Treasurer for several years, and Abby Powell continued to serve as staff support for the Commission.



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Significant Actions in the MIMD 2021-2022

Considering the limited financial and staff resources the Commission has had since its inception, the Commission sees its role to primarily work with and through its various partnering agencies, organizations, and institutions. For this reason, the Commission will address actions during the reporting period related to district growth and improvement.

- November 2020: The new Downtown YMCA opened its doors. The \$34MM, 87,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility opened during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- January 2021: LLCC-Medical District at 130 Mason Street was renamed, and programming updated to reflect the full range of medical-related career training available.
- October 2021: Officials break ground on a new transportation center that will consolidate rail traffic – moving it from the 3rd Street corridor running through the medical district. This move will allow for future development previously constricted by rail traffic.
- December 2021: Enos Park TIF District is renewed for an additional 12 years, creating opportunities for development within the MIMD.
- May 2022: Illinois Assistive Technology Program moved into the former Vibra Hospital, just outside the western boundary of the medical district. The move allows the nonprofit to nearly triple its size and expand its service to individuals with disabilities.
- July 2022: UIS purchases property downtown, just across the southern border of the Medical District, for the UIS Innovation Center, designed to provide a hub for technology, business, policy, and workforce development.
- November 2022: Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance completed a redesign of the MIMD Commission Website.
- December 2022: City of Springfield approved incentive package for development of a new multifamily housing project in the Mid Illinois Medical District.

Financial Statement for Reporting Period

Mid Illinois Medical District Commission
Income & Expense Statement, 2021 & 2022

<u>Checking Account</u>		
Balance on Hand, January 1, 2021		\$200.53
Income (donations)	\$50.00	
Expenses (bank fees)	\$(15.00)	
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2022		\$235.53



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Future Plans

The Commission plans on completing the following items during 2023 and 2024:

- Seek sources of funds for staff
- Report on economic activities within the District
- Collaborate with the City, Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, Downtown Springfield Inc., Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, to complete the Master Plan for Downtown and the Medical District.
- Work with partner organizations on identifying targeted medical related industries and begin implementing outreach and communication to targeted businesses and location decision makers.
- Identify opportunities for housing development in the District.