

MACDDS Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2006

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Bill Gamble –Legislative update: we need to send letters to the Governor supporting 7% increase ASAP. The bill to increase the cost of background checks did not come up on the floor to be voted on. MAWD (Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities) bill was tied to the Medicaid fraud bill. The Medicaid fraud amendment killed the MAWD bill. We need to start pushing hard on this now for next year. The passage of the voter ID bill shut everything down. Republicans are envisioning a tight race between Talent and McCaskill for US Senate.

Tabor amendment is being challenged on the fiscal note. It passed through committee. If it does go on the ballot, it has a good chance of passing. It could be a huge problem. We will discuss strategies in June.

Sheltered workshop legislation did not pass.

HB 1456 unemployment passed - pro employer restrictions on failing drug tests ratchets down the ability for someone to collect unemployment.

Bill Gamble will send a written report to us summarizing the legislative session.

Minutes:

Jem moved and Dan seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

Cathy Arrowsmith sent out the report. Jem noted that it should be titled April. Lynn moved and Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agency Liaison Report:

***MARF-** (M. Whitlock) no report

***MO ANCOR-** (T. Weatherspoon) no report

***Coalition-** (P. Capo) will meet with DMH in June. Working on legislative agenda.

***Supported Employment-** (W. Hays) APSE Conference in August. Send comments on supports casemanagement to Wendy. VR budget includes a 2% cola for providers.

***MO Planning Council-** (V. McCarrell) 6 regional advisory councils have chosen to stay active (Kansas City, Albany, Kirksville, Poplar Bluff, Sikeston, and Springfield). MO Youth leadership forum deadline is being extended to May 31.

***Sheltered Workshop Managers-** (R. Garlich) Larry Young said the workshops will be short funding for up to 2 weeks of the \$13 per day state subsidy.

***Congress on Disability-** (J. Ames) there was no quorum at their meeting.

***Personal Independence Council** (W Hays) no report

Committee Reports:

***Finance** (C. Arrowsmith) Jennifer announced that the audit report for 2004 - 2005 has been received. The committee will review.

***Public Awareness** (W. Hays) surveys need to be turned in for the annual report as soon as possible. Looking at doing a one-day training in 2007-any suggestions would be welcome. Planning to meet with Embracing Partnership committee to facilitate the marketing of the partnerships will be held in June. Committee suggested that we authorize Doris to visit with the non-MACDDS SB 40 counties when she is in those counties in the course of her other work. The membership agreed.

***Conference** (B. Barnes/ C. Arrowsmith) Conference Committee will be meeting on June 6th.

***MAC Online** (M. Sullivan-Thomas) web site is updated weekly. Set it as your home page.

***Missouri Housing Trust Fund** (D. Boeckman) funds are being disbursed.

***Legislative** (P. Capo) no report

***Resource Development** (J. Casey) Jim has been sending out links to grant opportunities.

***Regulation/Standards/Policy** (J. Tilman) still working on updating the manual. Please send her any survey results that you have accumulated. Please send funding policies and procedures to Mary mary@macdds.org

***CARF** (R. Kruse) Ron will send out some questions on CARF and see if we want to take a look at them.

***First Steps Workgroup** (R. Kruse) Roger is having a meeting with Linda Roebuck in June to discuss the division's commitment of effort in First Steps. Joyce Jackman is the person in charge of First Steps at DESE.

***Insurance** (R. Garlich) No one completed the survey-most present indicated that they did not receive it, Doris will resend. The Workshops managers association is open to SB 40 boards coming into the trust. HB 1827 allows an association to get the same insurance rates for all members.

***Missouri Foundation for Health** (D. Boeckman) Someone from the foundation will present at our meeting July 27th.

***College of Direct Support** (R. Garlich) Jackie Coleman will be here tomorrow.

***Prevention Funding** (R.Kruse) no report

Mary Tansey, General Counsel for DMH-Abuse & Neglect Investigations:
CMS asked when the investigations would be complete at ICF/MRs. As a result any abuse neglect complaint at an ICFMR has to be completed within 5 working days. Currently, there are 200 pending cases in the MRDD community at this

time. Some are in process. What they are looking at now are the ones in "edit" and trying to finalize them. The legislature approved 5 new positions for the unit. Mary is trying to hire experienced MRDD professionals. The Regional Centers are getting a report within 30 days on community complaints. Mary will confirm with the regional centers that providers can get information on the investigation from the regional centers after the 30 days. The Regional Center directors still make the final decision on the determination on the cases, however, a recommendation comes on the report. If a case goes to court the DMH records are releasable. Many times they will investigate a client issue even if the allegation occurred during a function that was not funded by DMH. They will investigate in sheltered workshops. Mary will provide the rule that covers these investigations.

Linda Roebuck, Jeff Grosvenor-MRDD Updates

The stakeholders group was helping with how to handle distributing the 7% cola. DMH will add an '07 line to the ISL budgets. There needs to be a decision made as to if this is a flat amount or if it will be adjusted as the budget increases. It has not been determined how the administrative reimbursement will be handled. The regional center reviews are complete this week. The St. Louis Post has been asking how they have been going. Caseload ratios range from 40 to 80 (and up when you look at in home). The division received 97 FTE for habilitation centers and needed 185. So Linda doesn't think that DMH will get more FTE. SB 40s have been primary partners in the caseload issue.

MRDD is way ahead of CPS-way more input from consumer and family and farther ahead on individualized budgets. CPS gives allocations to the administrative agent. With administrative agents there are core elements of what has to be provided. In theory Linda likes the administrative agent concept. The state is going to have to move more towards the local level. Further fleshing out the partnerships between SB 40s and the DMH needs to be done.

There are a set of investigations that relate to systemic quality assurance issues.

Linda is interested in a stronger relationship with accrediting bodies. Linda asked for names of people who would be included in discussions with the nationally accrediting bodies to see how the state wants to interact with them. Ron will forward information to Linda regarding the work we have already done with CARF re: Memorandums of Understandings between states and CARF.

Linda is open to ideas. She is very interested in addressing how to help people with co-occurring disorders.

A draft report of the regional center report will be given to groups and hopefully have a final report in July.

Jeff will check on where the UR report is.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

MACDDS Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2006

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success: Janice Tilman is celebrating 30 years with the Platte County SB 40 Board.

Jim O'Connor-Retirement Plan Advisors: Jim reviewed the different kinds of retirement plans that are available. Fiduciary obligations are outlined in the handout.

- 403b allows employees to save money for retirement. There is rarely an employer match.
- 401k employer provides a defined match contribution - 50% match on 6% employee contribution is the national average.
- 457 and 401a combination of these plans are the equivalent of 401k in the private sector. Voluntary contributions in 457 plans. 401a employer and employee are required to make contributions-you are locked into that. If you make it a profit sharing plan you can change the % each year. 457 can accept employer contributions.

Susan Pritchard-Green, MO Planning Council & Sheli Reynolds UMKC-, Americorps Grant: UMKC has applied as the sponsor agency to develop a program of "Support Navigators" to help families and people with disabilities find resources and find volunteer opportunities in their communities. Looking for 3-5 sponsors sites either SB 40s or extension centers. Have 10 part-time members (900 hours a year), this can be ongoing. Activities can be tailored to meet your local needs. MPC is providing travel funds for the members. Notify Sheli by June 15th of your interest.

College of Direct Support-Jackie Coleman: this is a pilot project. Still developing systems to provide for demonstration of competence once the modules are completed.

Casemanagement billing system-Jan Jones presented information on the present casemanagement billing system. She has hired a computer expert to redesign the systems (CHRIS and Access application for Medicaid billing) so that you do not have to re-key the information in order to bill Medicaid. It will be a web-based application that will be able to transmit a file to MO Medicaid. Groups that are interested need to get together. The cost will depend on the needs of each county. There is an annual support cost of \$3260. To develop the application \$18,000 total to Greene County, total cost to share \$10,680. Greene

County is going to proceed with this project whether or not other counties participate, but others are invited to participate to prevent duplication of effort.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.