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Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2010

Committee reports, continued

- Roger Garlich reported on the College of Direct Support, contrasted that in April 2007 there were 611 participants, and in December 2009 there were 2900 participants. Waiting to receive confirmation on the grant applied for to cover the cost of licensing. There is a back up plan in the works in case the funding is not approved.
- First Steps had no report.
- Nominating and Awards committees are currently not active.

Assets for Independence
Robin Rust, Project Director DD Systems Transformation

Program overview was delivered via power point handout, and several other AFI handouts with information about resources. The website, address listed in the handouts, has a project builder which can be used. It can also be mailed in hard copy if requested.

DMH-DDD monthly Update
Bernie Simons and Jeff Grosvenor

Questions addressed

- Asked if the significant amounts of information being asked of case managers from some regional offices about specific employment status of people served was statewide from central office. Bernie reported that he had no idea about this request. Vicki McCarrell volunteered to forward the regional office email request to Jeff Grosvenor for reference.
- Asked if MACDDS could be included in the group working with dual diagnosis and the reply was yes. Wendy Hays and Les Wagner will represent MAC in the group. There may be a pilot project in the works.
- Do we know how many 10's 11's, 12's will be taken off the waiting list in the new budget? About 600 was the reply. Currently there are 46 12's on the wait list.
- If a Hab Center person, not Medicaid, leaves that placement, does the money follow them? Yes was the reply
- Are freed up dollars tracked, Yes and budgets are re-adjusted, rates negotiated individually.

Jeff Grosvenor reported that the money passed through last July to providers will be coming due as a certification fee in May. That is the \$500,000 of the prevention waiver dollars being put up by DMH. The Prevention Waiver is still at CMS for informal review.

There was considerable discussion about letting county boards know about people and/or providers moving in to their county for planning and resource allocation. Information about the type and scope of the developmental disabilities that are planning to be served would be helpful. Bernie agreed to work toward this on a regional level and it will also be included in the updated MOU, due to be signed in February 2010.

There was some discussion involving the UR process for new and additional services for people going to the central office review. The membership wanted to know if this procedure was temporary or permanent. Hopefully a temporary solution to the required additional million dollar withhold that the Division had to make. Bernie Simons stated that a full priority of need should not be happening when a change in status calls for a change in services for someone already in the waiver. The membership reported that is not the case across the state. Services that are documented as a need for people already in the waiver should not be placed on the wait list (unless they are in community support waiver and the needed service is above the cap).

The fiscal review directive is posted for comment on the DMH web page.

The membership brought issues specific to SB40 boards as funders. It is felt a better job could be done with additional purpose and planning with additional information made available. The Consumer Relations work group is working on how a referral process would actually look for someone referred to TCM services. That group will make specific recommendations to Bernie. TCM as a Medicaid service is an entitlement and a provider cannot cap or self limit services. The ratio for this is in each MOU and is already set. There is more information available in the state plan.

General Discussion items not covered

- Merger process for MARF and MoAncor was reported on by Terry Combs. They are working on the merger process at this time, not the actual merger. There are several issues being decided, including cost to members of each group.
- The information that had been distributed electronically to the membership concerning corporal punishment in the schools was discussed. **Mary Sullivan-Thomas** made a motion that MACDDS should support a ban of all corporal punishment in public schools in proposed legislation. **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

Presentation on Sunshine Law

Tom Durkin, Attorney General's Office

2009 edition of Missouri Sunshine Law was distributed to members. Specific reasons for closed session, wording and other templates for compliance were discussed and reviewed.