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Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 25, 2009

Present: Deb Miller, Max Lytle, Jake Jacobs, Jennifer Wooldridge, Doris Boeckman, Alecia Archer

Jake Jacobs reported that most member counties have renewed their dues for 2009. Three county boards and three RPO's are remaining from last year, plus one new RPO expected to join.

There was discussion concerning potential members, including Affiliated Public Entities and additional RPO's. Discussed ways to mesh agenda items with things of interest to those specific groups and send invitations.

The Strategic Plan is on target to be updated by committee work groups. The Executive Committee is responsible for 4 goals around the infrastructure of the organization. Doris Boeckman recapped those goals.

Doris Boeckman reported that the Spring Training is coming along. She will be updating the membership today. The topics that are identified as the most important in this session will resurface at the October conference. So far there are 40 registered participants.

Discussed the Division's "work groups", should they be on the agenda for reporting? It was felt that yes, they should and could go on the Thursday am agenda, as the first order of business. Bernie Simons and the Division will have the 10am slot, with any remaining time left for discussion or committee work.

The ByLaws were distributed for review with the following questions raised
Article III regarding RPO's clarify their membership on any committees?
Article V Duties of the officers should be changed to list the president elect as the one who develops the agenda
Max Lytle will forward to the group electronically with the changes in mark up for review.

There was some discussion concerning the FMAP and the state's current rate.

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Alecia Archer reported that she would be convening the Public Awareness Committee by go to meeting within the month.

Bernie Simons joined the group. He reported that there is currently new caseload growth money put back into the budget as of today, restored by Representative Icet as an amendment. Any discussions with the Senate Appropriations should urge keeping with the Governor's recommendations. The ICF/MR conversion to community waivers for reduction in population at the Hab Centers is not the the Governor's recommendations. Look to work on this next year.

Discussed communication issues between MACDDS and the Division. Bernie Simons favors phones calls in that they are more timely and personal than email. He questioned who to contact at MACDDS, and the group responded that he should contact Max Lytle as President, who will be able to clarify communication based on committee. An example of when email or written communication might be better was sited in the current issue of the certification fee issue. Clarification could come in writing from that MACDDS committee back to the Division. In communication we should be using language that helps us all bring our resources to the table in a win/win, no opponent manner. If there are no opponents, there are no losers. The TCM agreement or the MOU can be referred to, and built on. This is a sign of long term commitment.

Jennifer Wooldridge brought up the point that at a MACDDS meeting there are forty or so county's represented, but each person goes back to report to a nine member board. Boards don't always move quickly. We need to talk more at meetings about specific information that Board members will want to know to make a decision about funding or spending. The budget process for many Boards starts in April for a July fiscal year.

Bernie Simons then reported that the Autism Waiver went to CMS on march 5th. Other waivers being considered would include a waiver that would be more specific to county dollars. Current "pots" of money are limited to General Revenue and regional sweep funds. The Medicaid work group is partnering with DMH to focus the eligibility requirements for county boards.

The question was raised about FMAP rates, Bernie Simons and Jeff Grovsner will address this at Thursday's meeting.