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Meeting Minutes
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Introductions and Announcements

- Phelps County is in process of hiring an Executive Director, and has had over 30 applicants.

Work Group Reports

- Marcus Whitlock reported for the TCM Work Group. There has been much discussion about the TCM e-learning and whether it is mandatory or voluntary. The course content is related to Medicaid waiver assurances and has 15 courses. There is also a Directive on the DMH website. Jake Jacobs reported that the Directive has been there since last summer, and he was on that work group. His understanding was that an experienced case manager may not need to take the e-learning courses but must take the test, with 80% accuracy. There is a lot of confusion in the TCM group about this, and Jake will be sending out the draft document for members to review. Chuck Snow, who is approaching coming on as a TCM provider reported that the cost associated is not set at \$300 and \$6 per participant, but was initially at no cost.
- The restraint/ seclusion/ policy Work Group has not had an opportunity to meet, but there was considerable discussion about HB1644, a bill that allows for self protection acts to not be considered as abuse.
- Jim Casey reported that there has been no Communication Work Group meetings but did bring up the upcoming Mental Health Champions Banquet. Cole County, being in the Capitol, will have five seats at a ten seat table. Representatives from Jefferson, Green, Jasper, Jackson, and Buchanan counties will fill the remaining seats and represent MACDDS at this event on April 7th.
Jim Casey also announced that the Respite Coalition had its first meeting with Linda Wolf coordinating the effort. This group must have a coalition to apply for and receive any federal funding. See www.archrespite.org for more information.
Also announced, the Sunshine Law presentation that we had recently is now available online through our website for training our own boards.
- Provider relations Work Group had no report.
- Quality Enhancement had no report at this time.
- Fiscal Review Work Group has not met.
- Consumer relations Work Group reported that April 5th they will be having a wrap up meeting to complete that work group's tasks.

General Discussion

- Betsy Barnes made a motion for MACDDS to write a letter in official opposition of HB1644 and Max Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Vicki McCarrell announced that the MPC poll with results that was distributed is also available on their website.
- Betsy Barnes announced that she is on the newly formed housing board.

DMH-DD Monthly Update

Bernie Simons, Jeff Grosvenor, Tec Chapman

- Primary topics were Housing and Employment
 - Housing options for people with developmental disabilities should include
 - House of your own
 - Rental as an option
 - Working with developers on new construction as needed
 - Keeping family homes, with parents or in a trust for the future
 - Liz Hager is the Housing Director for DMH
- Jeff Grosvenor reported on the budget status at the Capitol
 - The House finished yesterday and is sending the budget on to the Senate
 - The \$400,000 is still in for community case managers, and there is an effort to get the other \$400,000 restored.
 - House budget recommended 1.5 million for community programs
 - All Director's and Deputy Directors of all Departments in state government have had salary cuts
 - State has taken a \$150,000 cut in the line item for food and meetings in all departments
 - 1.2 million has been cut from the Hab Centers
 - FMAP is in question as the budget goes to the Senate after the Easter break
 - Prevention Waiver has not been cut yet

Questions from the group

- Asked if e-learning for case managers is mandatory or voluntary? Robin Kauffmann and Linda Bowers co-chaired the committee, and Les Wagner will follow up with them for a reply. Jake thought the Directive was still in Bernie's office?
- A request was made to receive a monthly update on Draft Directives. Tec Chapman reported that information is available on the DMH webpage. The discussion then turned to both the magnitude of emails and the difficulty of navigating the DMH web site.
- Questions were asked about regional quotas for self directed services. Bernie Simons reported that there are no quotas at all, but a statewide target of 200 families was set. That may have been interpreted differently by different regional offices.
- Tec Chapman came back to the discussion with information about Directive Tracking on the web site, if you scroll down the right side to the "more" box there is tracking capacity.
- Discussed a TCM staff development policy.
- The April 8th meeting for TCM will have on their agenda TCM Equity and Division Directives

There was no Employment Initiatives Update

Bernie Simons, Tec Chapman and Jeff Grosvenor had to leave the meeting unexpectedly.