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Meeting Minutes
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Committee list for MACDDS was circulated with instructions to add or delete for committees.

Agency Liaison Reports picked up were we left off yesterday

- Sheltered Workshop had no report
- Congress on Disability had no report
- PIC had no report
- Mental Health Commission had no report

Committee Reports

- Regulation, Standards and Policy was reported on for Janice Tilman. Currently this group is reviewing directives from DMH on the use restraints. Input is accepted through March 31st.
- Governmental Affairs report was given by Peg Capo and included
 - the impact from DMH on potential cuts for budget
 - seeking clarification on supplement FY09 and FY10 budgets, caseload growth funds or cost to continue?
 - budget focus is now on the Senate
 - other pieces of legislation relate to TCM (SB511) and certification fee for waiver development
 - Representative Icet has been very supportive in House and thanks can be sent via email or phone calls
 - Calls continue with Sarah Topp on Fridays before MACDDS meetings. Others could join the conference call
- Medicaid Waiver Workgroup report was given by Roger Garlich, noting that the “pledge” in regards to matching a new waiver is going well.

TCM workgroup update

- recapped the March 12, 2009 meeting
- The directives coming now are assurances required for waivers (per Kay Green)
- Individual agreements will be crafted between Boards and DMH
- Les Wagner, Betsy Barnes and Michelle Darden are working on contract language with input from Jane Kruse. The county has discretion to make the work force, supervise, set activities etc. Wendy Hayes

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asked that language be in the contracts that reflects that when caseloads reach 40-50 and additional \$22,000 for an additional casemanager to be added. There will be additional opportunities for input

- Jennifer Wooldridge will put TCM report on our agenda once a quarter, the month after the group meets

Return to Committee Reports

- The UR workgroup is planning meeting to address the Prioritization of Need tool proposed. Should address
 - County needs
 - Preventative focus
 - County waivers to access federal dollars for local needs

A discussion followed that cover these points

- Need a format that does not control access to the waivers
 - Define eligibility so it is in a preventative waiver
 - Is a priority category vs. numbers or scores moving forward? An unanswerable question based on current methods
 - Suggesting that DMH committee have a CMS member, might also help the workgroup
 - How will we show connections between the waivers (as people's needs change), addressing county needs should be a part of the conversation
 - If a county puts up the match, can DMH then pay full amount for same services in a different county?
 - Counties can opt in or out of the waiver
 - Watch that the "statewideness" does not create a double dip situation
 - Certification fee funds should be the source for state funding that is available
 - Realistically, will it make other counties take a more active role?
 - Bernie Simons will be addressing the Certification Fee later today.
 - "Not in the business of denying services to anyone" but we could be very soon. Greater need, less dollars equal a wait list
 - Caseload growth funds could get this process going again.
 - In some cases, 12's with a comprehensive waiver are not having their match funded
 - Spend down issues? This is addressed via the state's criteria for eligibility for Medicaid
 - Is there a lack of inter rater reliability in applying the current tool?
- Max Lytle reported that the Executive Committee is working on review of the by laws and may have some revision. The Thursday morning meeting schedule is changing with work group reports having the first spot on the agenda, Bernie Simons and DMH having the 10:00 spot. Any time remaining will be left to discussion, topics of the group's choice.
 - Vicki McCarrell reported on the Missouri Planning Council. They met last week.
 - Jefferson County got a transportation grant
 - Recent approval of a brochure to oppose dollars going to Bellefontaine and Nevada for new buildings
 - Grass Roots Advocacy committee is working on public awareness/wait list
- Vicki McCarrell serves as our MACCDSS liaison to the Planning Council. Her term is up in 2009.
- Jennifer Wooldridge** moved that she **continue in this capacity** and **Alecia Archer** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**
- The Consumer Relations work group met in March. Went over the topics for discussion, nothing of note to report.
 - Alecia Archer announced that the Public Awareness committee will be having a "go to" meeting in the next two weeks.
 - Jim Casey reports that the Resource Development committee is
 - putting the final touches on the April Conference for board members and directors.
 - The contracts for the Lodge o the Four Seasons and the October conference were to have been singed for one year, per last month's meeting directive. However, there is the following new information- the contract for three years can be canceled 1 year prior to the event. The group asked her to clarify if there is a stipulation for canceling to move to another lake location.

- Doris asked about bids from facilities not located on the water, the reply was to also get a bid from the County Club, do a cost comparison and send back to Resource committee, then back to the Executive Committee in April.
- Doris asked for direction for a keynote speaker, maybe someone with National AAIDD? Admin track? Motivational speaker as a keynote?
- Roger Garlich presented a College of Direct Support committee report
 - noted that the current license fee expires June 30th. Need \$146,000, TEC Chapman is working on this but it isn't approved yet.
 - UMKC has Americorp participants that could be assigned College of Direct Support.
 - Training site selection process is up for grabs, report in April
 - No new joiners until July, not sure then, 25 training sites via the RFP process potential with a \$2800 fee to do training at any site
 - Julia Gibson is the new Workforce Development contact. They have used this training as a workforce development tool, not all courses work in all settings, but has the potential to be used in a variety of ways.

DMH-DD Budget Update- Bernie Simons and Jeff Grovesnor

News from the Capitol

- The amendment for FY10 caseload growth has not been dropped
- Supplemental FY09 approved
- Max Lytle's letter to clarify Certification Tax was addressed; Jeff Grosvenor will draft a letter for DMH addressing this issue. It should generate \$500,000 for match in new waivers
- MFH Medicaid Waiver workgroup has been in communication with the DMH work group and will be meeting Monday march 30th. Jeff Grosvenor will be convening the meeting. Move forward with the project as MACDDS has \$615,000 committed in match. Expect to report back to MACDDS and DDD by May 31st.
- Currently we don't know where the million dollar cut is, but the conversations should be requesting to stay with the Governor's recommendation
- Conversations should also encourage revenue enhancements, keeping cuts neutral, cuts can cut services, fast track the waiver with fiscal note, the \$500,000 match could work so that there is no growth but no cuts. The Governor's recommendation was caseload growth dollars for two years
- Discussed with the Senate yesterday, need support of Coalition members via local Senators and representatives
- The Senate Appropriation time frame was laid out for next week, then caseload growth will go to conference, with no decision until the end
- Peg Capo reminded everyone of MARF's talking points that are helpful when speaking to legislators

Peg Capo asked about the UR process and who within the DDD is actually approving funding

Bernie Simons explained that he has asked District Administrators to review because of the concern that increased requests will be linked to the supplemental dollars. The DDD has limited recycling of dollars to use to fund requests. There used to be a review committee in Central Office but there hasn't been any dollars to put back into this. If the supplemental and cost to continue pass then we can go back to local decisions. Hope to be able to serve the 11's and 12's, then the 9's and 10's.

With Collaboration around the new waiver we may be able to pick up some people earlier

Is there an appeals process after the District Administrators decision? Bernie Simons said there should be a review with the local Regional Office committee or Director.

Alecia Archer asked that since Boards have UR obligations, could we have been involved in this process sooner? Bernie Simons thought not, since it was a point in time internal review of their system

Peg Capo stated that we all should be relooking at eligibility when a person moves from a 12 to service, as well as the application of the UR tool, as well as reliability and validity.

Although this may have been seen as an individual county issue and not the business of MACDDS, the group felt strongly that this open discussion is a part of the learning process and important to the membership.

Taking a second look at when the changes occur in a life that make the difference in the UR score would be important questions to ask the public and case managers, checking to see that situations have changed, not just that priorities change when dollars become available.

We are looking at ways to foster communication at all levels. Bernie Simons reported that District Administrators will be having more frequent dialogue with SB40 Directors in provider meetings and in individual interactions.

Les Wagner asked if county input and the match possibilities are valid for the Priority of Need committee to come together for mutually desired outcomes.

Jeff Grosvenor addressed the stimulus funds in the form of increase Federal FMAP amounts. There has been a separate fund set up for FMAP rebates. Counties should pay the full match amount, and will be rebated the difference via the Office of Administration, Budget and Planning, retroactive to October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. It is set up this way to show transparency in the amounts rebated will equal the stimulus amounts. This covers all match services and any dollars put into the Mental Health Trust Fund. The Governor signed the bill today that will make these funds happen. The new fiscal year process has not yet been decided. The regional offices backup on invoicing makes a difference on the rebates. The increased FMAP should last through 9 quarters, from October 2008 through December 2010.

Membership Discussion

Les Wagner asked about the support for grant opportunities for generators. Max Lytle reported that he will be finishing that paperwork and submitting to MFH.

Peg Capo moved to endorse the TCM MOU draft with the addition of the words “updated annually or when leadership changes”. **Jennifer Wooldridge** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

Max Lytle reported that the general MOU has been sent in, not yet received back. When it is, a copy will be forwarded to Doris for record keeping.

Discussed communication within the MACDDS group and agreed that as partners we need to discuss things and back each other on issues.

Les Wagner asked if anyone could share their audit bid requirements.

With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned.