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Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2009

**Call to Order**

- TCM has come to Taney County!
- Marion County has expanded their TCM program.
- Jackson County has expanded their TCM program.
- Miller County has expanded their TCM program.
- Lincoln County has expanded TCM services to include children age 12 and over, after closing their children's services program. The local school is picking up children's services. Staff are being moved around to accommodate these changes.
- Cooper County met with Clarie McCaskill and reported the difficulty in recycle work
- Pettis County will be dedicating the Adult Activity Center July 22nd.

The minutes from April were distributed prior to the meeting. **Vicki McCarrell** moved to accept as presented and **Marcus Whitlock** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was distributed prior to the meeting. Charlie Washburn moved to accept the treasurer's report and **Chuck Snow** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Executive Coordinator's Report**

- The updated calendar with work group and committee meetings was distributed.
- An update from the April Training was presented. The website has the specific report and other information.
- The strategic plan has been updated where committees have met. Doris will follow up with others and update the plan by next month's meeting.
- Housing dollars are nearly all spent

**Agency Liaison Reports**

- MARF did not have a report
- MoAnchor did not have a report

- Coalition was reported on by Ron Kruse. There was a meeting May 6th and Bernie Simons will address that content tomorrow. Real discussion around how to redirect the Dietician FTE's that are changing from the Hab Centers. Could they be better used in other ways? Could that money be redirected to match monies? The minutes from that meeting are available; Ron forwards them to the membership. There was much discussion about caseload growth in counties with population growth, wait lists and eligibility reviews.
- Sheltered Workshop meeting was held last week. There is no statute to support a match or waiver-able services. The waiver definition of sheltered work is different than Vocational Rehabilitation's definition.
- Missouri Planning Council met a couple of weeks ago. Vicki McCarrell reported that the ARC of the Ozarks has been awarded the organizational change grant. The question was posed as to if MACDDS wanted to pursue the CFI for Public Awareness. There was no discussion.
- Supported employment had no report.
- Congress on Disability had no report.
- PIC had no report.
- Mental Health Commission meeting was attended by Mary Sullivan-Thomas. Discussion there centered on systems change grant in ADA and CPS.
- Vicki McCarrell reported that the Autism Commission has met. It is focusing on Early Childhood, Health Care, Education, and Employment. Functions in an advisory capacity. Vicki McCarrell will forward the minutes.

### **Committee Reports**

- Executive Committee report was given by Max Lytle. He stated that the person centered planning workgroup meets on the same days as MACDDS and he cannot attend, requested a different meeting day. The by law revision were discussed, to be distributed and then voted on in June. **Ron Kruse** moved to post on the member's only part of the website rather than distribute paper copies. **Tim Crews** seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Legislative Update Program**

Bill Gamble and Lana Baker came to report on the legislative session. Bill Gamble stated that appeared to be difficult to get a consensus and to build a budget. There were Medicaid issues not addressed and there will be no special session.

Lana Baker reported on SB10 and the status of Developmental Disabilities. DD had no core cuts, has caseload growth monies, the cost to continue that was approved in supplemental budget is now a part of the core budget. Stimulus dollars went directly to the departments and DMH got a very small amount. SB307 (Certification Fee) is waiting for a signature. There was a bit of discussion about FRA (Federal reimbursement Allowance) and how it works. Also, considerable discussion about waiver / matches / sheltered workshop occurred.

The legislative committee and the MACDDS membership felt that the Friday phone calls were a great help and we should continue in this way in the next year.

### **Changes in Abuse/Neglect**

Rikki Wright, General Counsel, Department of Mental Health came to discuss the changes and distributed the revised statute and the Code of State regulation that covers the changes in Neglect II. The statute gives the authority to act. Questions asked to clarify:

Do DOR's (Department Operating Regulations) affect the provider community? No, they have no affect outside of the Department.

What is the legal authority for Division Directives? Division Directives give further explanation of CSR's and the statute. They don't always match the statute.

Neglect II is no longer a finding as in the old definitions. Most things that would have fallen in this category are now considered employee misconduct. This allows the provider to make their

own investigation and determination. The hearing procedure has its own CSR. A joint investigation can be requested rather than leaving a provider out of the process. There was also a discussion about HIPAA.

### **Committee Reports**

- Public Awareness Committee was reported on by Alecia Archer. The MACDDS survey for boards is ready to be distributed. Once the paper copy is completed, go to survey monkey to complete.
- Missouri Housing Trust Fund had no report.
- Missouri Foundation for Health has a grant available for public awareness. We will bring this back to the membership for discussion tomorrow.

### **Current Housing Initiatives and Updates**

Liz Hager-Mace Housing Director for DMH brought handouts that identify the various initiatives associated with the stimulus. It is important to note that the county commissioner is the gatekeeper for many of these initiatives. Dollars will be available through HUD, applications in July and the dollars will be out in September. Websites that are helpful are

Transform.mo.gov  
HUD.gov  
DED.mo.gov (NSPI set aside)  
MHDC.com  
USDARD.gov (\$ for communities <25,000)

### **Committee Reports**

- Regulation, Standards and Policy Committee will meet tomorrow at 8am. Currently working on chapter three of the technical assistance manual.
- Finance Committee had no report.
- CARF reported on the pilot project for ISL which is looking at funding models and some research. They will meet again before the next MACDDS meeting and a report will be available.
- Resource Development Committee had no report.
- College of Direct Support was reported on by Roger Garlich. Hope to have details by the end of next week about the licensing agreement. Then training sites will be selected and commitment requirements reviewed.
- First Steps Committee reports pulling some data together and will share at the next meeting.
- MAC on line was reported on by Mary Sullivan Thomas. She is currently working on cleaning up the site and updating the county pages.

### **Work Group Reports**

- Level of Need Workgroup has had a Prioritization of Need scoring system brought to the group. It is being field tested now, and will be posted on the website
- DMH Medicaid Waiver workgroup is working on a template for application for the new waiver (county prevention waiver). Will include children (3+) and adults. May include new services such as dental and emergency support services. A survey of what people are getting, not necessarily what they need would be helpful. With a \$22,000 cap transportation and day hab might put someone over the top. Could be up as soon as January 2010.
- TCM Workgroup will have their next meeting this Monday, June 1st.