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**Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2009**

Introductions, Celebrations, and Announcements

- Jake Jacobs reported that they are in the process of purchasing a new building
- Alecia Archer reports that the lawsuit has changed, the summary judgment has been set aside and the case will go to public court
- Chuck Snow thanked members for information on county survey formats
- Ron Kruse reported that Franklin County received MFH match for vehicles
- Vicki McCarrell reported that Boonslick Industries received a \$55,000 + grant for a baler from MMSWDT
- Max Lytle announced that there is an Autism Awareness Day scheduled for Taney County this Saturday. Max also announced an upcoming partnership between Taney and Green Counties that will be able to bring TCM to Taney County.

Alecia Archer moved to accept the minutes as presented. **Vicki McCarrell** seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Finance report had been sent out as well, with no new members noted from last year. **Betsy Barnes** moved to accept the financial report, and **Charlie Washburn** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Coordinator's Report

- Distributed the new calendar of meetings to the membership and requested meetings be sent to her to include on updates. It was remarkable the amount of work being completed in committee and work groups
- Distributed a committee list update that includes TCM members and DMH work groups
- Announced that 76 people are registered for April 30th Board training. Will send out a list of participants to members.
- Noted that the majority of their time has been spent on strategic plan, committee directory, and Spring Training event.

Agency Liaison Reports

- Wendy Sullivan reported that MARF has been working on the legislation for caseload growth funding and the tax credit bill for contributions.
- There was no MoAnchor report
- Jennifer Wooldridge reported on the Coalition meeting and the idea of “exploring” combining into one group. This may have morphed into a task force in the MoAnchor meeting minutes. The membership feedback was unanimous that because of our collective role as funders this is not likely for MACDDS. This was echoed in specific statements that revisited the old idea of meeting at the same time with some portions of overlap for the meetings but remaining separate although some members who are funders and providers like the MoAnchor meeting in the middle of the monthly cycle to obtain biweekly information. Other statements included support for collaboration but remaining a separate entity, as we do not want to undermine our place as funders.

Alecia Archer moved that MACDDS continue to collaborate/support MoAnchor and MARF but remain a separate entity. Lynn Wells seconded the motion and the motion carried. Additional comments made suggested that our unique provider perspective could make for some SB40 partnering.

Ron Kruse went on to report that the Coalition phone conference call is scheduled for Monday with a focus on

- Where are the task forces going?
- Elks Dental Unit funding and other ways to provide dental services. This led to a discussion about the possibilities for Federally Qualified Health Centers, who can establish an enhanced rate for some categories. This has been discussed at MedWaiver Work Group meetings also. This might be able to be amended to include developmental disabilities as a category. Missouri Foundation for Health is not a good source as they do not cover the entire state. Doris will set up a program on Federally Qualified Health Centers for a future meeting. Some SB40 Boards are paying for dental care on some levels and match dollars may be utilized to if partnering with Truman Medical Center. Some individuals might be able to use NAFS funds to purchase dental insurance independently.
- How to make membership meetings meaningful
- There was no report for Supported Employment
- Vicki McCarrell reported that the Missouri Planning Council Organizational Change Conference was held April 3rd, with RFP's due May 11th. The next meeting is May 14th -15th and Vicki will report back next month.
- Roger Garlich reported on Sheltered Workshops having attended the annual meeting where changing the models of shops was discussed. The lawsuit over the amount of reimbursement was won, but only means they will deplete the monies sooner. The House and Senate have agreed on 25m for next year. Alecia Archer asked where she might find more information on innovative workshops, it was suggested that individual web pages might be the best source. There is interest in converting GR match to waiver dollars but the DMH definition is different from the one currently used by DESE/VR. The group discussed workshop innovations as a potential conference presentation, as well as a panel presentation on Ability One, formerly known as NISH. Anyone with information on who to contact should get it to Doris.
- Chuck Snow reported on the Congress on Disability which will be meeting April 23rd to review the Legislative Day and elect officers.
- There was no PIC report
- The next Mental Health Commission meeting will be May 14th

Committee Reports

- Max Lytle reports that the Executive Committee needs a copy of the by laws in a word file not PDF if anyone can forward him that as an attachment.
- Alecia Archer reported that the Public Awareness Committee has reviewed the annual survey and distributed copies. She asked about the Affiliated Public Agencies list, and who receives copies of information regularly distributed. Janice Tilman reported that the bylaws currently say who will receive the information, and that it includes the Lifetime Members list. In regards to the survey, if a board is not a service provider they must answer with N/A to #24-34. Information is being sought via survey and other sharing on information regarding #11, what requirements a board has for receiving dollars. Some request an Organizational Chart and a letter from an attorney stating that they are providing an eligible service. We will be going over the data and discussing the results at the September meeting, including sharing of information on contract format, funding guidelines and which boards fund for profit as well as not for profit companies for services. There was much discussion as to what is requested from all. It was suggested that "other" be added to #11. There was a question about how to know the number of staff employed by the various agencies funded.
- There was no report from the MHTF.
- In the report for the Governmental Affairs Committee Wendy Sullivan reviewed the highlights of the certification fee language, amended into SB307. Peg Capo reported that she had spoken with Senator Dempsey about how the certification fee would benefit us and he suggested it be talked about more in this context. The budget must be passed by May 8th, may call a special session for stimulus dollars.
- Janice Tilman reported that the Regulations/Standards/Policy committee will meet tomorrow at 8am.

Medicaid Waiver- CMS Assurances and DMH DD Performance Measures

Kay Green, Director, Federal Programs Unit Division of Developmental Disabilities

Presentation began by addressing TCM questions and issues. TCM and Medicaid Waiver are interrelated. TCM could be a waiver service, or it may not be listed as such. In the state plan it is listed as a service and how the case management is provided is a part of the assurance for the waivers.

In the section of the waiver application that asks for descriptions of the entities that provide TCM county boards and ACSP's were added.

Applications change rapidly, as do the questions that are asked. For example, if the question is "do the same entities do direct service?" and the answer is yes, then there would be additional questions about conflict of interest.

The Division has authority of oversight. This pertains to the statement in individual Plans about oversight/conflict and goes back to the Memorandum of Understanding for TCM and the disclosure of services provided. The Division interviews individuals to assure choice.

CMS requests more information when

- A provider does both, are individuals informed of choice in developing the plan? This applies to the Division and Providers.
- Does the individual have a choice of selecting an individual to monitor the plan?
- Is there choice in the case manager? This pertains to whether or not a choice may be choosing another entity, or another person. The choice must be reasonable.
- Disclosure of any conflict plus the choice is a good practice.

Regional Offices are asking for information that was not requested before, and that may have to do with the specific waiver applications.

When other waivers are amended then the following performance measures will apply

- Level of Care
- Provider Qualifications
- Service Plan
- Health and Welfare
- Financial Accountability
- Administrative Authority

New performance measures that are centered on the process of determination of eligibility ask about the qualifications of the raters was the process followed, reports on findings of any errors found with a specific process for reporting.

A broad sample used to be adequate across all waivers, now there is a requirement for reports specific to each waiver, with higher numbers for the sample sizes.

CMS is especially interested in reports one year prior to renewal. Permission to renew is based on the sample.

Each assurance and sub assurance will have at least one performance measure. At the request of the membership a copy of the QI strategy was distributed.

Roger Garlich asked if there is a possibility of posting waiver applications

- MoHealthNet is posting
- CMS may beat MOHealthNet to the post

CMS website has some MO applications, most current only. Includes all waivers, not just DD
Could this information or a link go to Network of Care website? Especially since DMH Regional Office websites are disappearing.

Current Waiver Manuals are not available. There is a draft on the DMH website, but updates are sent to MoHealthNet

An example document was distributed.

The TCM group has questioned the urgency and suggests that communication and realistic timelines would help. Another suggestion was to reference the request with who is requesting information and what it is in regards to.

Missouri Budget Project Presentation

The budget passed by the Senate is wildly different than the one passed by the House.

HB 18-21 are bills that deal with stimulus dollars

HB 20 the Senate is not looking at

HB 21 the Senate will hear probably next week

Recommend that the Senate's position be upheld.

The expansion in Health Care really only restored cuts made previously

Will most likely go to special session as the budget work must be completed by May 6th otherwise.

Stabilization funds are going to GR

HB21 has a lot of pet projects, small specific projects in the areas of child care assistance, public transportation

Concerns are in SB 306- Show Me Health Coverage

HJR 36 calls for a fair tax to replace income tax which would replace taxes on income with sales tax. This is impractical and could create taxable services as well as raising sales tax dramatically

Committee Reports, continued

- No report on CARF
- First Steps group reports that meeting was held and results shared. A new concern is the application process, and after some discussion about this **Ron Kruse** made a motion that he, Roger Garlich and Jan Jones draft a letter to DESE from MACDDS stating our position on the process. **Jan Jones** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.
- There was no resource development report
- Roger Garlich reported that the College of Direct Support has 611 participants in April of 2007 and 2437 in March 2009. Currently looking for ways to fund, getting information out to Workforce Development, and who will be the training sites. The survey on training sites addresses turnover and longevity. There is a section on supervisory trainings and e-learning for case management
- Roger Garlich also reported that there is \$710,000 pledged for the new waiver. The Medicaid waiver workgroup has had one meeting, Jeff Grosvenor will report on tomorrow. Looking at preventative for adults and children, Lopez participants as they age out. Will new Autism Waiver use the same Prioritization of Need tool and UR procedure? What about the cap? \$12,000 was the target amount, that won't buy much service. What are we preventing? How will it be measured? We want to prevent or postpone out of home services, traditionally much more costly.

DESE- Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Michael Cook, Director, Operations

- The federal report of Mo. VR is not expected until August
- Programmatic changes are a function of continuous quality evaluation
- VR group meetings are underway now. Looking at data for several years, expenditures for assessment vs. outcomes and will compare to national averages and that of peer states
- Looking at effectiveness based on dollars spent
- Information from the exit meeting of the federal review
- The report will have a draft in June, report August with time to respond before it is published in September

The UCP ranking of 9% people with developmental disabilities employed was discussed, as well as our rank of 48/50 states.

Ron Kruse shared that some providers are getting out of Supported employment entirely due to cost. When VR looks at reasons cited they are the number of referrals and the cost of overhead. Other factors to consider are the increase in length of time it takes to complete a job development for persons with developmental disabilities when outcome is the basis for payment. It quickly becomes too costly.

We view this discussion as the first step toward reestablishing a relationship between MACDDS and VR would like to see a panel present at the October conference (DMH (Darla/VR/a successful SESP)

VR needs to know what alternative services are being provided by the DD Service community that deal in employment services, with decreased jobs and decreased coaching.

Assessment could turn in to development services

Stimulus dollars may be able to affect the transition programs in the schools