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Our Mission:

MACDDS is dedicated to the promotion of county initiatives in developmental disability services.

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 23, 2011 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

1:00 – 2:30 PM **Call to Order:** Jake Jacobs, President
Introductions/General Announcements/Celebrations of Success

- Jake Jacobs announced that three new Board Members have been appointed to his Board which brings the total number of Board Members who have a family member with a Developmental Disability to seven of the nine total members.
- Michelle Darden announced that St. Louis City is having its first open house for the business community.
- Alecia Archer announced that there has been no progress in the lawsuit filed by a Sheltered Workshop against the Jasper County SB 40 Board.
- Deb Miller announced they have two openings on their Board and she appreciates materials shared by other MACDDS members to assist in the process of recruiting and selecting new Board Members.
- Bryan Noack announced that Cape Girardeau County is being sued by a Sheltered Workshop.
- Jennifer Wooldridge announced a merger between her agency and Disability Support Systems.

1. Minutes from February meeting. Marcus Whitlock made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Casey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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2. Finance/Treasurer Report – February 2011 Financials (A. Graff). Ann Graff announced that the conversion to the new system is almost complete. Charlie Washburn made a motion to approve the report as presented, Alecia Archer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Agency Liaison Reports:**

MARF (B. Barnes), No report.

Coalition (A. Graff), The Coalition is meeting tomorrow.

Voc Rehab (M. Cook & Rebecca Largent), No report.

Supported Employment (W. Hays), No report.

MO Planning Council (Susan Pritchard-Green), The Council supported all of the projects previously mentioned including a benefits calculator. The Council will be piloting the project and looking for volunteer areas to pilot. The Council will partner with other groups and do a school to work calculator. They are still looking for partners in that endeavor and need approximately \$30,000.00. The Council is building a curriculum to help people with DD learn how to start a small business. The Citizen Advocacy project will be helping people transition out of the habilitation center and get connected to their community. The idea of a peer mentoring program is still being considered. The Council is completing a five year plan as per the commitments to the Federal Government.

Sheltered Workshops (A. Graff), No report.

Congress on Disability (C. Snow), Meeting scheduled next week. Chuck is unable to attend and asked for volunteers.

Mental Health Commission (Deb Miller) Ann Graff indicated that there was a report on the Division's performance measures. House Bill 631 is a bill which would allow a check box for DD services on tax forms. Dr. Keith Shaeffer expressed concern that this could lead to a decrease in General Revenue and would be an unstable source of funds. Susan Pritchard-Green stated that the bill has since been amended to disallow any core cuts related to the check box funds.

4. **Committee Reports:**

Executive (J. Jacobs); Jake reported that the Executive Committee met prior to the meeting with the full membership.

Public Awareness (D. Miller); The committee is talking about where it wants to go from here.

Education & Training (J. Casey); Jim Casey announced the theme for this year's conference is Rising to Success with MACDDS. The dates are October 13 and 14. Discussion was held about the mid-year training and associated fees.

Governmental Affairs (P. Capo/M. Sullivan-Thomas); Charlie Washburn reported that the committee met via conference call last week and the legislature is currently in recess.

Regulations/Standards/Policy (J. Tilman); No report.

Finance (A. Graff);

Quality Assurance/Enhancement (R Kruse); No report.

College of Direct Support (R. Garlich), Roger reported that it has been suggested that people who are using self-directed supports use the College.

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Discussion was held regarding the role of MACDDS Fire Marshall inspections. Roger understood that if MACDDS puts forward a proposal, then there would be no opposition from DDD.

First Steps (R. Kruse); No report.

Respite Coalition (J. Casey). Jim Casey provided a handout developed to inform the public about a rally at the Governor's office building on April 19.

5. **Workgroup Reports:**

TCM (K. Butler); Kelly Butler reported on the last meeting. The next time the group meets will be in conjunction with the May MACDDS meeting.

QE (M. Sullivan-Thomas); Ann reported that the group is working with Provider Relations on a draft directive.

SIS (A. Purdome) No report.

Discussion was held about the Arkansas plan. Les Wagner discussed deemed status for licensure and certification which was passed with the support of Governor Roger Wilson. Mr. Wagner reported that he had a conversation with Governor Wilson who indicated that they had allowed deemed status to agencies they funded, which the Division is currently saying is not allowable. Mr. Wagner stated that deemed status allows the DDD to focus attention where it is needed.

Ann Graff reported that the ISL work group has held one meeting and now plans to update the ISL manual which is several years old. The group is piloting a new ISL budget which combines some rates and makes it easier to audit. Ms. Graff stated that this does not change the amount of funds received by the provider, but makes it easier to audit.

6. **RPO Approvals:**

Ann Graff presented applications for RPO status:

Alternative Community Training (ACT). Motion to approve by Jim Casey, second by Betsy Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Residential Psychiatric Services, Inc. Discussion was held about the organization. Several members expressed concern about whether the primary focus of the organization is serving individuals with DD. Ron Kruse stated they do contract with the agency. The Executive Committee will follow-up on the application and bring more information to the full membership at the next MACDDS meeting.

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1:30 – 2:30 PM **General Discussion** - Issues; Task List; develop questions for Bernie

Discussion Items:

- Concept Paper on the Missouri Foundation for Health Grant. Jake reported that the Executive Committee discussed this in depth at its meeting this morning. The intent is to take advantage of the opportunity to increase services for people with DD across the state. Jake stated that the long range goal is to provide MACDDS with a person who will consistently represent MACDDS across the state. It is a three year grant and MACDDS would be able to work over the three year grant period to develop this into an ongoing position. The position would have responsibility for education, increasing opportunities for people with DD across the state, influence state policymaking on a larger scale, provide technical assistance for member agencies, increase collaborative efforts across the state. The position would require a lot of traveling and interaction across the state. Jake also discussed the need to have funding to continue the position after the grant period would end. Les Wagner stated that the Executive Committee wants to be sure that the membership is aware that proceeding in this direction will require an increase in the dues structure and Jennifer Wooldridge stated that this would likely happen right away rather than waiting until the end of the grant period so the costs would be ramped up over time. Discussion was held about the increasing numbers of MACDDS members and the increasing responsibilities of MACDDS. The governance structure of the organization needs to be addressed as these changes occur.

- Alecia Archer made a motion for the Executive Committee to move forward with the grant. Lynn Wells seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Board Application Template.
- The group discussed the requirements on SB40 Boards which wish to borrow money to build. Mr. Wagner stated that financial institutions can offer discount rates to SB40s because they do not have to pay any taxes on any income they receive from the loan.
- Jim Casey stated that criminal records for background checks can be obtained from the Highway Patrol within hours online now with payment by credit or debit card. Family Safety Care Registry is still required, but this is a way that the information can be quickly obtained.
- Deb Wohlers stated that she has concerns about how Partnership for Hope waiver slots are being distributed and funded in counties which either do not have a county board or are not providing TCM. She stated that she is concerned that counties in which she has agreed to provide TCM are going to have fewer Partnership Waiver slots even though they have a higher population than a neighboring county which will be receiving the total match from DMH and is getting a larger number of slots even though they have a smaller population.

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break

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2:45 – 4:00 PM

CLAIM: State Health Insurance Assistance Program-- - Jim Day

Lead Regional Liaison and Trainer—Primaris (CLAIM)

CLAIM Community Leaders assisting the insured of Missouri. They assist people in answering questions about Medicare. They work with insured, physicians, pharmacists, and other providers. This is part of a national network. In 1990 Congress reformed supplemental insurance and they help people answer questions. They do not sell, endorse, or recommend any insurance. They have a conflict of interest policy for their employees. They do not charge for the service and they are a volunteer based program which is funded by a federal grant. In Missouri they are funded by the Department of Insurance. Missouri received its first grant in 1993. Primaris is the original recipient of the grant and continues to be the provider. Primaris is a not-for-profit consulting firm. Medicare is made up of parts (A, B, C). Medicare Part A is for hospitalization, skilled nursing, home health, and hospice. Under Part A for 2011 there is a \$1,132 deductible. That is a per occurrence deductible, not an annual deductible. Hospitals must accept Medicare assignment. They cannot come back to the beneficiary for payment above the Medicare assigned rate. Under Part B preventative Services, office visits, outpatient hospital services, ambulance, wellness exams, preventative services, vaccinations. 2011 has an annual deductible of \$162. Medicare pays 80% beneficiary pays 20%. Medicare supplemental insurance is voluntary and not sponsored by the government. They are private companies. Medicare was never designed to pay all of the costs. By statute, the supplemental plans are all the same in terms of coverage and are guaranteed renewal. Missouri allows a 30 day free look policy which allows a refund of premiums. When you turn age 65 you cannot be turned down for the coverage in Missouri (guaranteed issue period). Qualifying for Medicare is either by age or disability. The open enrollment period has always been in November, it is going to be October now. The CLAIM office has a phone bank to answer questions. The volunteers have three business days to start resolving the issues for the beneficiary. The volunteers are local and therefore familiar with the community. Part A starts automatically. Mr. Day stated that there is a great incentive for individuals with DD.

Mr. Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

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9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Call to Order – Jake Jacobs, President
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9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Proposed Draft Amendments to the Code of Fire Safety Regulations –
Les Wagner

Mr. Wagner presented information prepared by Jane Kruse. The group discussed the document as presented and recommended some changes to improve accuracy. Discussion was held about who is qualified to do the inspections and several suggestions were made. Mr. Jacobs requested that Mr. Wagner ask Ms. Kruse to refine the document as discussed, send a copy to Mr. Jacobs and then Mr. Jacobs will send a letter to DDD.

Ms. Tillman discussed issues that have arisen with water temperature and the reasonableness of requiring individuals who are receiving less than 10 hours of week of support, yet are being held to DDD requirements on water temperature. Mr. Garlich stated that he believes that if MACDDS would develop a recommendation, the DDD would embrace that and could ensure that it is distributed and applied statewide. Ms. Tillman will work on a draft that reflects her discussion with Vicki McCarrell and will send to Mr. Jacobs who will send a letter to Bernie Simons.

Mr. Wagner asked to discuss the Arkansas plan. Mr. Kruse presented information, which he had obtained as a CARF surveyor, illustrating a system which recognizes agency accreditation and actual performance in the process of State monitoring. The approach recognizes absence of problems and correspondingly decreases the amount of monitoring provided by the State. Marcus Whitlock discussed reasonableness with regard to the amount of monitoring required when an agency does not have deficiencies and how that impacts resources both for the agency and the State. Mr. Garlich indicated that the DDD is considering changing PR monitoring from annually to every three years. Mr. Garlich stated that the concern is to ensure assurances to the Medicaid agency are met. Mr. Garlich indicated that the assurances are standard with the Medicaid applications. Mr. Wagner noted that States may have differing interpretations of how they apply the assurances. Mr. Kruse and Ms. Graff will be attending a meeting tomorrow which will address the issues and Mr. Kruse will ask where the State is with the crosswalk on the issue. Discussion was held about MACDDS and MARF discussing this at the joint meeting this afternoon and possibly having both groups make a recommendation. Ms. Barnes suggested that MARF be provided with the

document detailing the Arkansas plan. The group agreed that copies be made and provided to MARF this afternoon.

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Mr. Wagner discussed a document which can help County Commissioners with regard to Board appointments and how to assess the appropriateness of candidates. He suggested that applications be available on the County Website.

10:00 AM

Adjourn to the Joint MACDDS/MARF Meeting
Convenes at 11:00 a.m. at Double Tree, Magnolia Ballroom

Mr. Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 10 am.