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Developmental Disabilities Services

Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2009

Call to Order/Celebrations and Announcements

- Taney County is finally moving into the new office space
- Jennifer Wooldridge asked if members were receiving mail at the member@macdds.org site. Not all are receiving the minutes.

The minutes from the July meetings were posted and emailed to the membership. **Dan Cole** moved to approve as written and **Jim Casey** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

The Finance Report was emailed to the membership earlier in the month to review. Of note, some conference revenue and expenses is being seen at this time. **Charlie Washburn** moved to approve the financial report and **Ann Graff** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Executive Coordinator's Report

- Final closeout for EHAP monies is occurring today.
- Distributed a summary of CAB accomplishments on behalf of MACDDS
- Distributed a meeting calendar with dates, agendas and legislative committee meetings added.

Agency Liaison Reports

- No report available for MARF
- No report available for MoAnchor
- Jennifer Wooldridge and Mary Sullivan-Thomas presented a report of the Coalition activities.
 - The minutes are posted on the web site from the August 5, 2009 meeting.
 - Legislative priorities for FY11 are developed.
 - A survey was sent out concerning the referral system being used. Hard copies were also distributed for members to complete and return.
 - Conference call on August 17, 2009 included discussions about the rate inequities issue and how we can present some possible solutions, other ways to blend the organizations and how to define central office and the Division in the meeting process
 - There is a joint meeting scheduled for October 21st at Capitol Plaza from 11am to 2pm with Keith Schafer, Claire McCaskill and Margaret Donnelly as the featured speakers. There will be a lunch provided with each member of the Coalition paying 1/3 of the cost

- There is a committee to work on a plan to address the inequities to the Senate Select Committee. They will work with Jeff Grosvenor to get the data that contributed to the report. Jeff had discussed with Roger Garlich an old MACDDS paper (1991) showing a one cent tax to generate dollars needed to correct this problem, Roger Garlich will email that report to the membership for their review.
- Voc Rehab report was given by Rebecca Largent and she covered the answers to some questions brought up last meeting, including that the VR/CRP team has met and that a Mental Health Liaison has been named (John Harper). She also distributed some graphs to the membership that show the numbers of referrals compared from 2008 to 2009. Jennifer Wooldridge asked that any further questions for Rebecca be routed through her.
- Supported Employment was given by Wendy Hayes. She urged VR and Service Providers to work on some kind of event for the October Employment Awareness campaign
- No report was available for the Missouri Planning Council
- Ann Graff reports that the Sheltered Workshop Association will be meeting in October
- Chuck Snow reported that the Congress on Disability will meet in October, no firm date set yet.
- There was no meeting or report from PIC.
- Jake Jacobs, Peg Capo and Jim Casey attended the Mental Health Commission meeting that was a half day meeting. Wendy Sullivan presented the Coalition's Legislative Priorities.

Committee Reports

- Max Lytle presented for the Executive Committee.
 - Gathering objective data to evaluate the contract for Coordination
 - Summary description of the document being used to open up for bids for Coordination will be discussed tomorrow.
 - Discussed agenda items for the last two meetings of the year, September and December
 - The Executive Committee is looking to meet in December with the incoming and outgoing committee members for a smooth transition
- Alecia Archer presented for the Public Awareness committee. There are 15 counties left to respond to the survey with information for the annual report.
- Jim Casey reported for the Education/Conference Committee. As we are gearing up for the October Conference, should we be considering another mid-year conference? Should the conference brochure be mailed to non Mac SB40 counties? Link the brochure/registration with Network of Care, DMH staff, and a link on our website.
- Legislative/Governmental Affairs Committee has recently met with Sarah Topp and will be resuming the Friday conference calls the week prior to the MACDDS meeting. Peg Capo, Mary Sullivan-Thomas and others met yesterday with Senator Rupp and discussed the Senate Select Committee recommendations. Will be developing a realistic plan to present along with the issue of inequity among provider rates.
- The Regulation/Standards/Policy Committee will meet tomorrow morning.
- There were no additional Finance Committee announcements to report.
- Quality Enhancement had nothing to report at this time.
- College of Direct Support is set with 8 agencies approved for training sites, 2 more pending. There is potential work force via Americorp volunteers.
- No report for First Steps.
- Nominating Committee has nothing further to report. The cutting edge awards criteria are out now. Get any nominations to Cathy Arrowsmith as soon as possible.

Workgroup Reports

- The DMH Level of need tool field test is complete and the report recently submitted reported Robin Rust from the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Before implementing the state rule will need to be amended. Some factors to consider
 - Children may not be adequately reflected with this tool
 - A separate tool for children has not fared well in other states
 - The sample was not random, asked for volunteers and then chose from that group who already had a UR score
 - There were 85 samples, the goals had been 120, and it took 6 weeks to complete the field test.
 - The scoring component is still a 12 point scale with weighted questions.
 - Looks at physical needs vs behavioral needs

Program Presentation on Neighborhood Stabilization Program- Availability of Affordable Housing

Robin Rust, Project Director, DD System transformation
Edwin Cooper, Affordable Housing Consultant

NSP is working with several agencies across disability lines to spend housing stimulus dollars. Distributed handouts to outline the dollars allocated to each part of the state and the agencies that applied and are carrying out the work.

For more information contact NECA in Bowling Green to present on “Home of Your Own” with details on who is eligible, how to access the long term loans and other information. Some support brokers may specialize in how to own a home. Financial Counseling could be a component to set up special trust to save for repairs without jeopardizing the person’s benefits. This would be a great training for case managers.

Program Presentation on CLAIM (Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri)

Jim Day, Region 3 Liaison

CLAIM is a state health insurance assistance program (SHIP). They provide mostly volunteer based counseling and outreach in the areas of education, eligibility and enrollment assistance for free. CLAIM is funded through grants from the Department of Insurance and Professional Registration via Premaris, a Health Care Consultant in Columbia MO.

Distributed cards with contact information and samples of the kinds of questions they can help with.

Program Presentation on CMIS (Client Management Information System)

Mike Ranger, Database Manager, Center for Human Services

Utilized handouts to illustrate all of the ways the CMIS can assist in logging of hours, billing and accountability for services and client demographics. Generated a discussion that included various sized organizations with a range of services and how CMIS can customize to meet specific needs. Left the in depth portions for another time dedicated to only demonstration for specific applications.