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*Missouri Association of County
Developmental Disabilities Services*

Our Mission:

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

**Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2010**

Call to Order: Jennifer Wooldridge, President

Introductions/General Announcements/Celebrations of Success

- Miller County announced that they have a new ISL up and going.
- Franklin County reported that they earned a three year CARF accreditation.
- Johnson County is sponsoring an in service in February 2011, see John if you are interested in participating
- Boone Wagner has accepted the Executive Director position in Camden County.
- Callaway County has hired their third case manager. Chuck Snow also announced his retirement effective June 1st, 2011.
- Vicki McCarrell announced she will be leaving Unlimited Opportunities at the end of December to take the position of Deputy Director with the Division of Developmental Disabilities.
- Governor Nixon held press conferences in Boone and Lincoln Counties announcing the start of the prevention waiver, now titled Partnership for Hope.

Minutes from September 2010 meeting

Max Lytle moved to accept the minutes with the correction noted and Marcus Whitlock seconded the motion. The **motion carried.**

Finance/Treasurer Report – September, October 2010 Financials

Ann Graff noted that \$3500 was returned from the IRS for penalties from the 990 not being filed appropriately. We believe that is now current. Charlie Washburn moved to approve the financial reports and Alecia Archer seconded the motion. The **motion carried.**

Agency Liaison Reports:

MARF is taking the leadership on the electronic signatures issues.

Coalition meets tomorrow and has received a draft from Bernie Simons concerning ratio during breaks and lunches. There was considerable discussion about the point of a coalition of only two groups, more on that subject at a later time.

Voc Rehab Rebecca Largent reported that their year ended September 30, 2010. Reported that 4,363 up 460 from last year. These numbers are not broken out into DD specific. New employment services rolled out October 1st. There is a pilot project occurring in Springfield between VR and DDD working on employment for people in one day activity program using person centered planning. Currently three people are in the pilot, looking at specific benefits of the planning piece. Discussed the Regional DD offices as employment networks- memo to partnerships from the summer, milestone payments system, county boards can also serve as an employment network, VR funds development coaching and DDD funds long term.

Supported Employment no report this month.

MO Planning Council met November 18 and 19. Planning Council has designated \$6,000 for PR campaign in March. We will need a representative for this group as Vicki McCarrell's resignation creates an opening. The representative should have direct ties to a sheltered workshop. Look on the MPC website for policies, will be requesting input. Education Committee will be sending out a RFP for schools (not state schools). The new state plan begins in January 2011. There may be a RFP in the future from the employment committee concerning self employment. Susan Pritchard-Green asked for input from MACDDS as a stakeholder into a survey distributed at the meeting. The guardianship and housing projects are growing.

Sheltered Workshops have a legislative day scheduled in January.

Congress on Disability met in October and November. Has set their priorities as well, and will be available soon in complete form. They have requested \$50 per member organization for legislative campaign. **Chuck Snow** moved to pay the \$50 and **Peg Capo** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

Mental Health Commission Ann Graff attended and reported that the discussion centered around the new DDD website, DDD performance measures, 656 people remain in Habilitation Centers, and that the Mental Health Commission will meet in December at Boone Center in St. Charles.

Committee Reports:

Executive announced that we will discuss MAC as a TCM provider later in the meeting today. Also in today's executive meeting we shared information for transition of officers, shared conference ideas, discussed the awards practice and procedure, reviewed CAB's years end draft, actual will be in Januarys, and discussed that we will recommend reapplying for the advocacy grant from MFH when the grant period opens again.

Public Awareness announced that the annual reports are ready for distribution.

Education & Training is examining additional ways to provide training in the next year while conserving cost.

Governmental Affairs discussed the recent presentation from Linda Luebbering and the broad based cost saving ideas we want to present as follow up. Those ideas are

- Move people to the community one person at a time
- Expand the Partnership for Hope
- Appropriate funding for Early Childhood
- Integrate systems so there is less duplication
- Support more counties to pass SB40
- Expand county based partnerships

There is an expected 700m shortfall. The committee met today and reported on the following

- The "box" has been redrafted for easier use
- Clean up your language campaign is coming in March, this committee and Public Awareness will partner with MPC.
- We will continue conference calls on the Thursday prior to MACDDS meetings from 1:30p-2:30p, anyone is welcome to join
- Meet with your legislators before session starts in January!
- The issue brought forth by Representative Sater and researched by Angie Bass about our reserves as governmental entities will most likely become a big issue when the session starts, strategies need to be adopted by boards to emphasize how important the reserve funds are.

Regulations/Standards/Policy had no report this month.

Finance *will* be discussed at a later point in this agenda.

Quality Assurance/Enhancement had no report this month.

College of Direct Support - Roger Garlich distributed a handout with history and general information about the current use of CDS. It must be used to keep it functioning statewide.

First Steps had no report this month.

Respite Coalition Is meeting today and is establishing bylaws.

Workgroup Reports:

TCM workgroup met November 4, 2010. Issues discussed were eligibility, VR changes, assurances, and MOCABI requirements (every 2 years in comprehensive waiver). The group is planning to meet at the time of MACDDS meetings in January, May, and September.

QE met by conference call. Review is on the website

SIS workgroup met earlier today. The group looked at an overview of data from other states, looking toward policy changes, rate structures in the long term.

Fiscal work group has met again, that group worked on clarifying the directive.

PR work group has met again to review directive, which was changed due to budget cuts. The primary function of this group will again be only technical assistance and contract management.

Presentation on EXCEL/THRIVE Program at UCM

Julie Warm, Ph.D.

Overview presented with handouts of the program that is supporting people to go to college. They utilize academic and social mentors. Students are trained but not compensated.

2011 MACDDS Budget

After some discussion about the increase in annual dues, spending on training and other topics **Alecia Archer** moved to accept the budget as presented. **Chuck Snow** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

2011 Legislative Priorities

Committee recommended the priorities as distributed. Mary to create two separate documents, one that clearly outlines the priorities and another that includes other legislative activities to be monitors. **Max Lytle** seconded the recommendation and the **membership approved**. The committee also recommends some language change to "the box", which was seconded by **Ann Graff** and **approved by the membership**.

General Discussion

- Prevention Waiver, or Partnership for Hope, who can fund this with match paid into MHTF?
- What information needs to be gathered for TCM? Counties w/o SB40 and income projections?