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Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon,
Governor

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Max Lytle, President
MACDDS
c/o Taney County SB 40 Board
P.O. Box 1701
Hollister, Missouri 65673

Dear Mr. Lytle:

The Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities is a consumer-driven council funded under P.L. 106-402, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and integration in all aspects of community life. The Council is also charged by State Statute to serve in an advisory capacity to the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The Council members were very appreciative of a presentation from Les Wagner and Roger Garlich regarding the MACDDS 2008 Campaign for Excellence: A Medicaid Waiver Research Paper and Recommendations at our January meeting. Following that presentation, Council members engaged in additional discussion regarding the concerns and recommendations that were shared. The Council agreed and supports the concept of re-examining the current Waivers and looking into additional Waivers to address current access concerns. We are very interested in ideas that will result in more individuals having access to Wavier services, particularly for those on the waiting lists with lower UR scores. The Council is supportive of initiatives that would encourage and support self-determination.

The Council also supports the concept of reviewing the increased use of county dollars as part of the Medicaid match to address caseload growth in the upcoming state budget. An equal match of county dollars and general revenue dollars to obtain the federal match funds will certainly stretch the limited state dollars available, and could potentially serve as an incentive for counties to pass legislation for a county board to serve people with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

Shelly Shetley, Chairperson

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cc: Les Wagner
Roger Garlich
Bernie Simons

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