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

Minutes

Thursday August 26, 2010

Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO

Introductions and Announcements – Jennifer Wooldridge, President

- Jennie Ames reported that Osage County received a grant for generators for backup power and that the golf tournament again netted them a nice sum of money. Also received a MoDOT bus grant.

Update on the Prevention Waiver

- A workgroup consisting of Jane Kruse, Roger Garlich and Cindy Langford will meet after the meeting on September 23rd. Prevention Waiver training will occur in September and October.

Today's audience with the District Administrator is informational only; we will explore ideas and expect them to address issues identified in the email sent ahead of their visit.

Updates and Open Discussion – Bernie Simons, District Administrators, Robin Rust

Bernie Simons opened the discussion with SIS update. He would like a group to get together and look at the data collected to further explore linking rates to SIS. Over 8000 have been completed. This could relate back to the Senate Select Committee Report that has gone out to Senators who have been term limited out of office. Jennifer Wooldridge will develop our list of participants.

Bernie Simons also went over the QE process again, stating it shouldn't be a time consuming process. Requesting volunteers to work on that review groups as well, and again, Jennifer Wooldridge will assemble a list of volunteers.

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Questions for the District Administrators

UR committee is not timely with their scoring and notification, real people's lives are hinging on these decisions and they need to be related back to the team as quickly as possible.

The process is changing September 1st and should allow for much faster turnaround.
CSR's detail when a deviation needs to be communicated to all team members including SB 40's as funders and the provider of the services being scored. Is there a timeline in CSR?

Yes and I is now being followed.

Is there a move to paper only reviews in UR?

The CSR states that a "packet" will be submitted. Cindy Mueller, statewide UR coordinator is working with the regional offices on this process. It was related that a service coordinator could answer questions that may arise and move the process along much faster. The group made suggestion of a more detailed explanation in rejection letters; many families get these and believe they are losing all services. This causes undue stress on families.

Rate differences interfere with consumer and family's choice when moving or choosing new service providers. If this is the reason stated for denial at UR level, can it be appealed?

The role of the state UR Coordinator was discussed. They are dedicated to only moving the UR requests through quickly. MoHealth Net looked at the 200 people receiving the most costly services in the state looking at where the dollars are spent and how to maximize SS benefits. Benefits coordinator would be a good resource for case managers and families.

Requested information on how SB40 board as funder could get information when an investigation is underway and the outcome of the investigation. Sometimes the Regional Office requests that County Board case managers increase monitoring without knowing why or the knowledge of the supervisor or Director. It would be helpful to have a letter that "closes the loop". *No, the investigation check list should take care of that.*

The arbitrary deflation of PON scores was the next topic.

Bernie Simons said that going from a 12 to a 1 should not be occurring.

Cindy Mueller will be coming to present on eligibility issues, and the District Administrators will be invited back as well. Unresolved issues will be brought back before the group.

Bernie Simons and Jeff Grosvenor update

- Assurances from CMD may increase
- Department of Justice reviewed Bellefontaine and NW, will be back to review all Hab Centers. Contact is through the Attorney General's office. They may or may not do a full review.
- Google Reinventing Quality from Baltimore 2010 conference for a presentation from a 19 member presentation on CMS funds and the Department of Justice.

Robin Rust presented on Health Care Homes

Health Care Home is a management system for chronic care management. Robin used Dr Parks' summary and power point for our discussion.

- The FMAP is 90% for 8 quarters
- Defines what bill might look like.

Jane Kruse asked what kind of TCM rate could be transferred to a Health Care Home as it appears to be a medical model. Would a primary care physician want to do everything required

to meet the guidelines? This focuses on preventative and follow up care, SB40 service coordinators already do this.

Some concern was raised by the membership that we as a stakeholder were not included in this group. Developmental Disabilities were not initially involved in this process with the Department of Mental Health. *You could pull your own group together and report back to the larger group. This was driven by CPS, and meets the guidelines developed by NCIS which were developed by CPS. Health and Senior Services is the lead agency on this.*

Bernie Simons updated the status of the TCM agreement. It will not be available September 1st as planned, would like to reconvene in September to look at it again, with target implementation October 1st.

After the break it was announced that the TCM group will meet after the meeting on September 8th in Jefferson City.

Roger Garlich also announced that there is some information available for county boards that make it clear how they can contract for management services. He will send that information out via Jake Jacobs.

Changes/updates

- DMH contract- Jane Kruse is still working on the changes.
- Service definition meeting was considered a good thing, we will need to appoint members to represent us on that work group
- Transition services for youth needs to be relooked at, people will go from a 1 to a 12 if needed services are not available after they graduate from high school.
- Although the District Administrators will be specifically invited to some meetings, they are welcome to attend anytime.
- Prevention Waiver meeting September 22rd from 10 to noon.
- TCM Manual work group meets September 22nd from 11 to noon.

With no other business to complete the meeting was adjourned.