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Our Mission:

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

Minutes

Friday July 23, 2010

Call to Order: Jennifer Wooldridge, President

- Introductions/General Announcements/Celebrations of Success
- Jefferson County is celebrating their 30th year and changing their name to NextStepsforLife
- Pettis County is celebrating a NISH contract that recently shipped the first load of torpedo aprons.
- St Louis recently received a HUD grant for their Horizon Club program and to make their building accessible
- Pike County is looking at ways to reduce the paper files as a part of their strategic plan. It may be that DMH will only accept hard copies of files, not electronic
- Platte County has supported a family in application to Extreme Home Makeover, stay tuned...
- Moniteau County is utilizing people who need to do community service work to organize their archives.
- St Charles County noted that Willows Way has celebrated 20 years of service that coincided with the 20th anniversary of the ADA, there is an exhibit in Forest Park at the History Museum.
- Phelps County has their new Executive Director in place (Brenda Rocoberto) and she reports hiring staff and setting up their office.
- St François County reports building reconstruction that has been three years in the planning is now occurring.

1. Minutes from April, May and June 2010 meetings were distributed electronically. **Betsy Barnes** moved to approve and **Max Lytle** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.
2. Finance/Treasurer Report – June 2010 Financials had been distributed electronically. **Betsy Barnes** moved to accept and **Lynn Wells** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

As a part of the Missouri Foundation for Health grant we received to coordinate our financial software and practices to remain uniform with each transition of officers, the finance committee and executive committee recommend the purchase of laptop computer and software from Techsoup, as well as an external back up system. The cost of these items is ~\$1100. **Jeff Richards** moved to approve this purchase and **Lynn Wells** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

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3. Agency Liaison Reports:

MARF- will have their first combined meeting since the merger in September.

MO ANCOR- is now merged with MARF, should be taken off the agenda

Coalition- Ann Graff reported that the pending tasks were reviewed. Hot topics within this group are UR process, electronic signatures, water temp work group and the waiver definition work group. They have requested monthly data/report from Bernie Simons pertaining to wait list, Hab centers, QE staff, SIS numbers and what comes next, the numbers reduced or stopped, vacancies, caseload sizes, and plan to address the wait list. They also discussed Legislative strategies, ISL budget pilot status, additions to the DD road map, Behavior review work group, the CARF document that compares the standards to the CMS standards. Ann will send that document out to the group.

The question "is the coalition size decreased from the merger"/ was asked and the answer is yes, there are 10 members, 5 from each group. MACDDS is represented by Peg Capo, Mary Sullivan-Thomas, Jennifer Wooldridge, Ann Graff and Les Wagner.

Voc Rehab-Rebecca Largent reports that there is going to be training offered in August and September on the changes in the employment model being used. The new model officially begins October 1st. Incentives for providers are available depending on the # of hours worked in a week, hourly rate of pay, if it is a person in an underserved or target population, and if the person has access to insurance at the time of employment. Benefit specialist are available to assist in employment planning. The DDD regional offices are also a resource for benefit planning.

Supported Employment- Wendy Hays reported that the APSE conference is August 11, 12, and 13th. Also reported on an Employment Certification program that is possible through APSE< looking at ways to access University training.

MO Planning Council- is meeting today with Cooper and Jefferson counties presenting on their transportation program funded in part by the council.

Sheltered Workshops - no report available.

Congress on Disability- no report available

Mental Health Commission- meeting coming up and should have a strong MACDDS presence. No additional information from yesterday's discussion.

4. Committee Reports:

Executive- Jennifer. Wooldridge reported that the information covered yesterday was the executive committee report. As a result of yesterday's discussion the next executive committee conference call meeting prior to our next meeting, with a legislative planning meeting scheduled to occur the 25th of August at 10am.

Public Awareness- Clarified that not all information covered in the survey goes into the annual report. The group requested that the analysis be made available on the web site. Survey for 2010 will be going out soon.

Education & Training- Jim Casey reported that the keynote speaker this year will be Al Swain and he will also present another time during the conference. Looking to next year's conference and possible Tom Pomeranz as the speaker on October 13, 14, and 2011.

The attendance could be significantly smaller than in year's past due to the 2% decrease in dollars; many counties/agencies won't be able to send people. Doris Boeckman echoed that sentiment and is monitoring the situation carefully.

Governmental Affairs-Peg Capo announced that the conference calls on the Friday before MAC meetings still have room if anyone wants to join them. Next one will be Friday August 20th. While MARF/MoAncor merge may be good for legislative work for those groups, MACDDS still needs some additional recognition with legislators. Legislators need to be educated about the roles of MACDDS as a funder and as individual service providers. Jennifer Wooldridge noted that some of these ideas are already in motion. The freshman legislative tour is just one of the ideas we had; Peg capo will follow up on how to be a part of the legislative tour.

Regulations/Standards/Policy- Janice Tilman reported that this group will not be meeting for the next couple of months.

Finance- Ann Graff will convene the committee via teleconference to discuss our dues structure and make recommendations. We will keep the 501 (c) 3 regulations in mind when planning.

Quality Assurance/Enhancement- Ron Kruse discussed briefly the cross walk available that compares CARF standards to CMS standards. This will be very helpful as we look to why certain assurances are needed. He also will follow up on the ideas presented to assist smaller organizations in decreasing their cost for CARF accreditation.

College of Direct Support - Roger Garlich related that they are still looking for funding, about \$100,000.

First Steps-no report available

Respite Coalition- will meet next Wednesday.

TCM- Kelly Butler wanted to note the following information from the TCM committee- last meeting everyone brought their individual county conflict of interest policy and satisfaction survey to share. They will be creating their own survey for regional office feed back. TCM supervisors have specific billing questions, wondered if at some point a CMS person could come to clarify? The new DDD manual has not yet been discussed. They are discussing ways to share comments made on Department Directives that pertain to TCM with specific report back to MACDDS. The September meeting topics will be on call procedures, prevention waiver, and orientation of evaluation of systems.

Open Discussion

Jane Kruse clarified a couple of issues

1. Les Wagner was not offering up BCFS as a tour stop for the freshman tour, but rather offering to provide education about MAC. Individual counties do things differently.
2. The contract from April came from the contracts unit and not DDD; Jane had draft comments as a handout. Many providers did not sign contract.

Betsy Barnes moved to authorize Jane Kruse to forward a position paper to DDD with a written response requested by August 20, 2010 if issues cannot be resolved with John Long directly to be discussed at the August meeting. **Max Lytle** seconded the motion and the **motion carried.**

It was discussed that a copy be forwarded to MARF. Jane Kruse will contact John Long. Jake's random thoughts were distributed and a discussion about Public relations and how we might address this ensued.

Discussion on transition services was tabled.

DDD is looking into dental services resources.

The rate restoration process will be covered in the upcoming conference call.

MACDDS doing case management as the provider discussion was held but it was decided that we do not have all of the information needed to make a decision.

TCM work group information was covered already. Our TCM agreement is in process and Roger Garlich reported that Bernie Simons asked that the attachments be incorporated into the body of the agreement. After DDD legal counsel approves it will also have to go through Mo Healthnet.

Jennifer Wooldridge commended the group that worked so diligently on this agreement.

Other issues we would like to have specific information on, perhaps in the form of presentations from specific state positions that can address the issues are SIS, eligibility, UR coordinator position and function, and inter rater reliability.