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Meeting Minutes
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Call to Order

Jackson County held their annual banquet last night, well attended.

Moniteau County received their first van with a MoDot grant.

The new Adair County Executive Director, Deb Wohlers, introduced herself and was welcomed by all.

Callaway County announced they have hired a TCM supervisor and are moving forward with the July 1 date to begin service coordination.

Franklin County has partnered with a company called Great Strides Behavior Consultants to provide autism services to children.

Betsy Barnes updated us on the housing board she has become active on, they are in development of a board that will administer housing information.

President Obama visited Macon County this morning and ate lunch at Peggy Sue's diner.

Changes in the agenda were noted at this time, Bernie Simons will not be able to be here and Sandy Wise is also unable to attend. Judy Wanko will present on the e-learning and we will move to closed session in the slot assigned to Bernie Simons this afternoon.

Minutes from the March meeting had been distributed electronically. **Chuck Snow** moved to accept them with a few minor changes, discussed by Secretary Debra Miller. **Jake Jacobs** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

The treasurer's report had been sent electronically. **Betsy Barnes** moved to accept the treasurer's report and **Vicki McCarrell** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

Agency Liaison Reports

- There was no MARF report available.
- MoAnchor recently met and were the first to try the open dialogue with Bernie Simons. Most reported that it was a good change. There was considerable discussion about the Nevada Habilitation Center closing/not closing but building new group homes issue.
- Coalition report was given by Jennifer Wooldridge and included Budget development/Legislative issues. Four priorities were established and are available in the specific notes. As of July 1st it is MAC's responsibility to chair the Coalition. Ann Graff stepped up to act as chair and Jennifer Wooldridge will be the note taker. Representatives from each entity are set as the president, president elect, past president and governmental affairs chair.
- Michael Cook reported for Vocational Rehabilitation. The Annual reports are out and available online at www.vr.dese.mo.gov Discussed statistics and new changes in fee/payment structure, including incentives. Other changes also discussed.

- Wendy Hays reported for Supported Employment. The first report from the pilot project on employment is out and was discussed briefly. The APSE Summit will be held April 11-13, 2011 in Columbia. The Alliance for Full Participation will also be presenting.
- Vicki McCarrell reported that the next Missouri Planning Council meeting is scheduled May 21st.
- Ann Graff reported for the Sheltered Workshops. They too are concerned with budgeting shortfalls in the upcoming fiscal year. The workshop association does a quarterly newsletter and is available online at MASWM.org
- Chuck Snow reports that the Congress on Disability will meet again on May 12.
- Alecia Archer reported on the Mental Health Commission meeting, at the April meeting there was no time set aside for public comment. The Mental health Champions Banquets was attended by a representative group from MAC, and spoke highly of the event.

Committee Reports

- Jennifer Wooldridge reported that the Executive Committee did not meet today. Additional annual reports are needed, and the cost to print 150 more is high. Members will see if they have a few extras in their offices and bring them to Doris or any other committee that needs to distribute. They are also available on line.
- Jim Casey reported that the Education and Training Committee met April 7, 2010. The budget is set for the October conference, as are the presenters and keynote. The timing for sessions will be different this year based on feedback received. The theme is Bridging the Gap. Registration will be available online. The mid year training for board members and executive Directors is set for tomorrow and the topic is financial.
- The Governmental Affairs committee held their regular phone conference last Friday. The budget looks bad; the Senate version has decreased amounts. It will probably hold. Roger Garlich had handouts on the DDD version. Looking to the fall election cycle, much work to be done locally, when out of session.
- There was no report from the Regulations/Standards/Policy committee.
- Ann Graff reported for the finance committee. Three additional RPO's have submitted applications. **Alecia Archer** moved to accept the applications of **Community Support Services**. **Betsy Barnes** seconded that motion and the **motion carried**. **Betsy Barnes** moved to accept the application of **Rolling Hills Creative Living** and **Marcus Whitlock** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**. Ann Graff will request additional information for the membership to review at next month's meeting concerning Behavior Intervention Services. There was some discussion about crafting a process change for this, perhaps including on the application that a representative of the agency might want to be present to speak on their behalf, and that additional information be gathered prior to the meeting.
- Ron Kruse reported on the work that the Quality Enhancement committee has done concerning accreditation. A draft letter is being developed and will be shared with the membership prior to sending, but will support the concept of mandated accreditation for DDD as it is in CPS and ADA divisions of DMH.
- No First Steps report
- The respites Coalition met again this morning, as reported by Jim Casey. June 1st is the next meeting. They are working on a missions and values statement, with a longer term goal of June 2011 to submit their first grant.

Work Group Reports

- Peg Capo reported that this work group hasn't met in some time, at least not with MAC representatives and should be taken off the report list. She did report that some families have appealed the UR scores.
- Marcus Whitlock reported on the TCM workgroup. How to use future case load growth dollars may be a recommendation. There is a conference call set for May 13th with CMS to discuss the prevention Waiver.
- No meetings have occurred for the Restraints and Seclusion Policy work group.
- There was no Provider relations work group report.
- There was some additional discussion concerning the draft of the letter for Quality Enhancement and accreditation. Andrea Purdome will join this work group. There was considerable discussion about reopening the discussion specific to agency/board size and cost for accreditation.
- There have been no further fiscal review or consumer relations work group meetings.

General Discussion

- Discussed additional factors in accreditation and the possibility of using a sliding scale of sorts to distribute DMH dollars into accreditation rather than certification
- Some discussion about the Jasper County lawsuit and how it affects all county boards.

E-learning Update

Judy Wanko, Springfield Regional Office education Coordinator

- The Network of Care site will go black as of June 30, lack of dollars to maintain
- E-Learning was initially a free option, now mandated course work for all service coordinators but each board must pay \$600 plus a fee per person
- Asked how a state directive could be used for non state employees, because of CMS assurances a directive is needed to cover the information
- E-learning has a separate directive
- Courses listed in the directive are required, others available as well
- County Boards were of the impression that the TCM work group produced the manual as a guide for best practices, a way for us to help each other out, but that content has been used by the state to develop the e-learning coursework. There was quite a lively discussion surrounding this point.
- The directive states that all service coordinators must take the course work and pass the tests for competency based documentation. Seasoned service coordinators who move into county board positions may test out of the courses, but the competency based tests must be documented.

Closed Session

Ron Kruse moved that we go to closed session pursuant to 610.021, section one of the sunshine law. **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion and it was **approved by a roll call vote.**

Mary Sullivan -Thomas moved that MACDDS support Jasper County's lawsuit with the filing of an Amicus brief. The motion was seconded by **Jake Jacobs** and was **approved with a roll call vote.**

Chuck Snow moved that we go out of closed session and **Charlie Washburn** seconded that motion. The motion was **approved with a roll call vote.**