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Meeting Minutes
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Call to Order/Celebrations and Announcements

- Jasper County announced that the pending lawsuit is going to district court.
- Pike County received a MFH grant to conduct strategic planning. Roger Garlich will be facilitating. Also opening a fitness center in Bowling Green as a business venture with consumers.
- Cooper County reported United Way dollars received in the amount of \$40,000. Also received \$1,000 from Wal-Mart, and a \$7,000 grant from the city of Boonville for the children's program.
- Jefferson County shared that they received 2 exemplary during their recent CARF survey, with no recommendations.
- Les Wagner brought up the topic of allowing time in the agenda for general discussion. The Division's vision needs to be clear to all and we could include time in the first day agenda to have adequate discussions. Work group reports could be the second day.

Jan Jones moved that we change day one agenda to include the time from 2:15 to 3:00 as discussion. **Staci Harrison** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

The minutes from August were posted and emailed. **Vicki McCarrell** moved to accept the minutes and **Janice Tilman** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

The financial report had been emailed to the membership prior to this meeting. **Charlie Washburn** moved to accept the report and **Jim Casey** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

Executive Coordinator's Report

- The Executive Committee has met and plan to implement a few changes. One will be that the committee will be reporting to the membership rather than the executive coordinator.

Agency Liaison Reports

- MARF will be meeting in November
- MoAnchor will be meeting in November
- Coalition reports via Mary Sullivan-Thomas that there was a conference call last week and they are working on developing a plan to make recommendations from to address the rate inequities across the state and between proven, long standing providers and new providers. Focus on legislative issues locally at this time. Also discussed electronic signatures and future discussions are planned on data exchange protocol.
- There was no report available from Vocational Rehabilitation.

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- There was no report for Supported Employment.
- The Missouri Planning Council met last week, discussing affordable, accessible transportation, a publication names “Real Lives, Real Jobs, guardianship trainings available as well as a Division Directive out for comment, information on Health Care Reform at a National Level (1-800-828-0498). October is Disability Employment Awareness month, and sample proclamations were distributed.. A discussion was sparked concerning using People First Language and how we should educate conference presenters by including a fact sheet in their packets to make our expectations clear.
- Vicki McCarrell reports that the Sheltered Workshops will have their annual meeting in October. As of 6/30/09 there were 7493 people working in sheltered workshops in Missouri with 748 on waiting lists. There has been about a 19% decrease in business. Specific programs are looking at autism specific to work, and include a DESE pilot in transition, VR funding of transition services and a program that was presented at APSE conference in August spotlighted a program implemented by the city of Columbia (CARE). Useful information can be found on line, including the workshop association’s annual report, www.moworkshops.org. There is a quarterly newsletter and a sign up mechanism to receive information at this site.
- Congress on Disability will be meeting October 8th in Columbia to set Legislative priorities. SIL in Columbia is looking for legislators who contributed to the disability field in some way.
- There was no PIC report.
- The Mental Health Commission continues to meet on the second Thursday each month.

Committee Reports

- The Executive Committee met this morning and will be ready to present the bids and the action taken on the Executive Coordinator contracts.
- Public Awareness committee will be meeting on Tuesday.
- Education and Training committee reports that the conference is quickly approaching, October 15 and 16! Because of the lack of responses earlier this month the early bird registration was extended to Friday September 25th. There is \$30,589 in income to date. Looking at increasing the advertising revenues. Reminded everyone to bring gift baskets or gift certificates with a \$25 value for door prizes after the awards ceremonies. There will be questionnaires coming soon via survey monkey to narrow down the topics for the midyear training next April. Ann Graff has scanned several publications from MACDDS’s history and they are posted on the MACDDS website.
- With the nomination of a slate and recent election there was no need for the nomination committee to meet or report.
- Peg Capo reported for the Governmental Affairs committee. Most of the discussion is centered on the Senate Select Committee Report. The stance must be to correct the course with no cuts. The Coalition is working on recommendation. No action has been taken but there is discussion of a dedicated tax or revenue source as a possibility to raise the dollars needed.
- The awards committee reports that all arrangements have been or will be made prior to the brunch presentation on October 16th.

Program Presentation on Missouri Assistive Technology

Brenda Whitlock distributed several handouts that outlined various programs implemented by Missouri Assistive Technology. Also brought several devices that people could actually look at and provided information on how to borrow technology prior to an expensive purchase to make sure it is the right tool for the job.

Program Presentation from Protection and Advocacy

Shawn T deLoyla, Executive Director distributed handouts that outlined 2009 priorities and objectives for Individual Rights, for Individuals with Mental Illness and for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Also discussed were services available and how to access, as well as a general update on P@A in Missouri. Questions were entertained and answered.

Program Presentation on Self-Advocates & Families for Excellence

Donna Rodriguez presented on this Division program that tie in with their Quality Assurance system. Their biggest challenge at this time is building the network of people with Developmental Disabilities/self-advocates and family members of people with developmental disabilities to volunteer to participate in this system. Once trained the volunteers are charged with conducting survey visits with randomly chosen individuals who receive a division or waiver funded residential or day habilitation service.

Committee Reports (continued)

- Regulations, Standards and Policy committee will meet tomorrow at 8am. We are nearly the end of the revisions for chapter three.
- The Finance committee will meet Thursday at 8am .

- Quality Enhancement committee has no report.
- College of Direct Support reports that there is a meeting scheduled in mid-October with Economic Development Advisory Boards.
- Jan Jones reports that First Steps SPOES will be meeting with DESE to build the teams throughout the states. There will be a committee meeting soon.

Work Group Reports

- No further news on the DMH Level of Need tool. Will be a topic at the conference.
- Medicaid Waiver Work Group continues to look at the TCM agreement or “contract”
 - Division needs a single agreement
 - Not signed, no service provision?
 - Could it be the MOU?
 - Could Jeff bring samples of real agreements? Are they all different?
 - Email your agreement to Mary Sullivan-Thomas and she will post them on the members only section so they can be compared.

TCM state plan amendment does not require accreditation

The issues of supervisor funding may bring on policy or criteria

Much discussion about TCM match delivery

Discussed the Elks Dental Van issues

There was some discussion about the Prevention Waiver

- There has been an increase in the amount of money pledged.
- MOHealth Net meeting tomorrow at 9:30
- Draft provides for Division of Developmental Disabilities to approve 1x expenses to go over the cap
- How much will each county have to put into the fund for people moving from county to county?
- Could the certification fee be the reserve?
- If there are too many services on the menu for a \$12,000 cap, which we be cut?
- Can this work be presented to the Mental Health Commission to showcase the idea?
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