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*Missouri Association of County
Developmental Disabilities Services*

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2009

Meeting was called to order and celebrations of success and announcements were made.

- Warren County is looking for a placement for an ISL, with funding
- Betsy is celebrating the birth of her new grandson
- Washington County is coming on line with TCM as of April 1st
- Miller County will be celebrating 25 years at their group home and of the tax levy in June
- Jackson County is celebrating Developmental Disabilities month with 12 billboards throughout Jackson County
- Endless Options in Howard County has received three year CARF accreditation in all programs.

The December special meeting minutes and January's meeting minutes were not available. They will be made available and approved at the March meeting.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Several members have not yet paid dues for 2009. **Alecia Archer** moved to approve the treasurer's report. **Janice Tilman** seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Executive Coordinator's Report

- Everyone should have a name tent to be used during meetings. If not corrections will be made for March's meeting. Doris will take care of storing and transporting for meetings.
- Doris reported on the change in presenter for the April and October conference tracks on Core Strategies. The cost is \$7,000 plus expenses for both conferences, with a possible pre conference track for the October conference. Broken out this will make the April conference come in under the budget of \$10,000 allocated. The cost for participants is covered by MACDDS as professional development and the session is open to Executive Directors and Board members only. Registration forms will be emailed soon. It is limited to 80 participants. The April conference will be held at the Marriott Courtyard in Columbia. While the presenter will be collecting specific information from the group to customize her presentation, the broad based topics covered will be Board/Executive roles and responsibilities, Board Expectations. Keeping lines of communication open, and Decision making.
- Doris reported that the strategic planning for MACDDS this year will be coming from the action plans developed by each committee. Committees are forming now, and the roster is available.

Agency Liaison Reports

- MARF- there was no report
- MoAncor- there was no report
- Coalition- Ron Kruse reported that they have met one time. Will be meeting the first Wednesday in March. Ron has and will continue to forward meeting information and minutes to the membership.
- Supported Employment- there was no report
- Sheltered Workshop- Increase in funds for workshops in the budget, and there is a lawsuit pending over the \$15 a day vs. \$17 a day issue. Workshops across the state are showing a 17% decrease in sales and shops doing recycling are storing and waiting for a better price whenever possible. Three of the ninety three shops are closing this quarter. Some workshops are going to a 4 day work week.
- Missouri Planning Council- Vicki McCarrell noted that there is an organizational change conference coming up with a CFI to follow that deals with organizational change in day programs and employment. Max Lytle shared a letter from Shelly Shetley, Chairperson of the Missouri Planning Council said, “The Council is supportive of initiatives that would encourage and support self-determination” and “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.”
- Congress on Disability- Chuck Snow reported on the February 11th Legislative Day with a dessert bar that included a chocolate fountain. The talking points from this group were sent out yesterday via email concerning the state not funding bricks and mortar. The new MACDDS exhibit was debuted there and looked great.
- PIC Council- there was no report
- Mental Health Commission- there was no report

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee- Max Lytle reported that the MOU has one more correction to be made and then will be executed with the division. The committee action plans/strategic planning was recapped from the coordinator’s report, as were the recent work group assignments. There is one additional work group forming.
- Public Awareness- Alecia Archer reported that this committee has not met this year as of this date. There is a need for a few additional members.
- Communication and Education- Jim Casey brought up the contracts for the Annual Conference that needs to be signed to lock in a price. **Jim Casey** moved to have Max Lytle sign on behalf of the organization for a three year period with the Lodge of the Four Seasons. The motion was **seconded by the recommendation of the committee**. The **motion was defeated** after some discussion. The recommendation is for the committee to go back to the Lodge for a one year contract and renegotiate the cost. Doris remarked that there is still a need for themes and topics for the conference, and there is space for additional members on the conference committee. Roger Garlich reported on a website from the UCP that reports on promoting independence by states. The web site address is <http://www.ucp.org/medicaid/index.cfm?thisPage=states&thisstate=MO>
- Governmental Affairs- Caseload growth, COLA for providers and FMAP increase was discussed. Check the MACDDS website, members only section for posting of committee meeting minutes under the coalition tab. When minutes are approved from the draft copy they are moved to the public section in the website. The group speaks with Sarah Topp on Fridays prior to the MAC meeting. From that call they reported
 - The House has decided to use stimulus dollars to plug holes in the budget
 - The supplemental budget is set to be approved next week with FMAP dollars going to general revenue
 - Senator Rupp is tracking funds
 - The Senate has passed SB 313 and it is on the calendar for the House
 - There was a question about local governments getting the same reduction in match as the state which is currently 36.81

- Autism Insurance coverage was last Wednesday, thanks to Vicki for the notes
- MHTF- Doris is doing some checking on this as the grant period ends March 31st
- Regulation and Policy- Janice Tilman reported the need for additional members. Tentative meeting set for Thursday at 8am
- CARF- no report was given
- Resource Development- no report and a question as to the viability of this committee
- College of Direct Support- Roger Garlich reported that the steering committee met this morning. The Career Center has embraced the curriculum and is sending workforce development participants. When they pass the basic courses then they can sign a practicum contract with an agency they can finish the curriculum and then are eligible for employment, with training completed!
- First Steps work group- There is a presentation scheduled for this afternoon
- Medicaid Waiver work group- Continue to spread the word via presenting the paper and the recommendations and it seems that things are starting to happen.

Disabilities Rights Legislative Day, March 25th

Dolores Sparks and Becky Dickey spoke on behalf of Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

They are hoping for 400-500 people at the rally. The plan is to cover a broad range of issues with speakers scheduled that include some legislators. Signs are okay to bring but remember not to put them on a stick! Information and talking points will be sent out just prior to the date, and remember to make appointments with your legislators specific to where you live. Any help in getting the word out is appreciated.

TCM Matrix Discussion

Meant to be used as a tool to track TCM agreements with DMH

Can track expansion via monthly report information. Alecia Archer will make the contacts and generate a six month report

Osage and Maries counties are on line to provide as of February 1st, Washington county as of April 1st

There was some discussion about tracking consistency and two questions about who can attend the work group meetings.

Mary Sullivan Thomas moved to attendees of the work group meetings should be MACDDS members or RPO's and **Alecia Archer** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Marcus Whitlock suggested that the TCM group be identified as a committee and initiated through the public awareness committee. The second question brought by the group also had to do with non SB40 organizations being a part of a committee. **Lynne Wells** moved that this group join MACDDS as RPO's and **Jake Jacobs** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.** The public awareness committee will identify and initiate.

There was some discussion about how to get information back to us, and the consensus was that it should be listed on the committee reports and reported on monthly. Robyn Kaufman does the minutes and they can be routed to Mary Sullivan Thomas to be added in the member's only section of the web page. **Mary Sullivan Thomas** moved the MACDDS maintain the TCM matrix and **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.** Jennifer Wooldridge will communicate back to the group on these topics and the addition of a quarterly update.

There was considerable discussion about the amounts of money being generated by TCM per county. It was felt that the remittance numbers would not accurately portray the situation in that it would not reflect the services purchases or supplemented with the fund overages. Jeff Grosvenor had the following comments

TCM is a part of the annual report

DMH keeps the reports tracking consumers via county DMH/SB40

Shows the status

The numbers should match

Alecia Archer will coordinate this with Jeff Grosvenor

Jan Jones reported on the green County Board position statement from 2007 that has been recently reviewed. Dr Schafer has asked if this is the feeling of MACDDS. When it resurfaced recently it is and was made very clear that it is a Green County perspective. That being made clear, Mary Sullivan Thomas would like to open a discussion to create a position statement for MACDDS on the topic of TCM and who should be eligible to provide this service. Our thought is that the providers in consideration should have a DD focus. Ron Kruse added that perhaps a broader focus should be considered. It was decided that the Government Affairs committee will meet tomorrow at lunch to further discuss.

Jeff Grosvenor stated that Keith Schafer does not want a new committee. He requested that this should be discussed with Bernie Simons prior to discussion with Keith Schafer. He would not want a position paper “out of the blue”. There was the question of whether or not Green County was representing all of MACDDS.

First Steps Program Update

Presentation with handouts by Pam Thomas, First Steps Coordinator. First Steps is looking for ways to continue to coordinate with DMH using a transdisciplinary teaming process. The following questions and comments were offered by the membership

Like the teaming process, discussed the waiver work group paper and our desire to work with First Steps
Updates are appreciated, wanted to clarify the update timeline, we would like a quarterly update
Is 0-3 intervention data available? Especially interested in the past two years. No data is available at this time

Does First Steps work with children with autism? With Judevine? Yes, but it differs by place.

Can families utilize Judevine or Thompson Center? Yes, with DMH eligibility, Thompson Center wait list is long

First Steps services are decided by the team (IFSP)

Boone County is serving both Medicaid and non Medicaid and purchases Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)

Are county boards seen as a SPOE or as provider of services?

SPOE has flexibility to team with providers

SPOE is organizing providers to optimize services

Additional Discussion

There was additional discussion concerning the FMAP and the intent of the stimulus package to use those dollars to stimulate local economies.

Les Wagner made a motion to take a position for members who match services, expecting that their match to be the one in the federal stimulus bill, communicated with legislators developing the budget. **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.

Missouri Department of Transportation Funding Applications and Update

Christina Brundin spoke about status of some MoDot projects and grants. The 5310 for July 09 is due July 1st. It should be sent with a certified return receipt and the sender should keep their copy. METAP funding is the same this year and applications are due March 31st. Use the post office, not a postage machine when submitting. The New Freedoms Program (5317) still has dollars available and applications may still be submitted. These dollars are designed to be used to eliminate barriers and could be used for sidewalks, curb cuts, heavy lifts etc. Federal Stimulus dollars are going to the 5311 grants. Christina can be reached at 573-526-5500 (direct line) or 573-692-5212 (cell phone on Tuesdays and Thursdays). For entire new projects call Shirley Tarwater at 573-751-7481