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*Missouri Association of County
Developmental Disabilities Services*

Meeting Minutes
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Meeting was called to order and introductions and announcements were made.

DMH Quality Assurance Reviews and Audits

- Discussion began with a review of the Recommendation 24 committee's work, the Centers for Excellence recommendations, and the information provided in the Governmental Affairs discussion yesterday. **Ron Kruse** moved to set a committee to review TCM definitions/requirements with all boards providing TCM, TCM supervision, and DMH representatives in regards to the contract end and beginning to identify issues and problems. **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.
- Jennie Ames shared a source for possible governmental grants to purchase generators and cover the set up costs. **Roger Garlich** moved that this be pursued and that Max Lytle write a letter of support from MACDDS. **Mary Sullivan Thomas** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.
- Jennie Ames reported a very good experience with DMH in the transition from DMH casemanagers to county based casemanagers during the transition in her county.
- Specific QA issues will not be addressed until the work groups come together and present recommendations. The question was raised about who are the members of each work group and what documents will be generated.

DMH-DD Vision Presentation

- Discussed the Division Directives and the sketched out timelines that will be discussed at the Coalition meeting next Wednesday. The work groups comprised of Coalition representatives and DMH staff are set to begin meeting. There is one additional work group to be added, Consumer Relations. Staff are designated from DMH for each group and they are
 - QA- Margy Mangini
 - Fiscal- Jeff Grosvenor
 - Provider Relations- Marcy Volner
 - Consumer relations- Sandy Wise
- What are the roles and responsibilities
 - Curriculum
 - Training State Providers at the same time
 - Satisfaction, with survey's going to Bernie Simons
 - Partnering for a better system

- DD Vision video screening. The presentation came from a presentation to the Mental Health Commission in the format of a “Special Report”

DMH-DD Monthly Update

- Missouri is moving up the ranking scale for states in services for persons with Developmental Disabilities. Movement is being made via our involvement in National Core Indicators(NCI), College of Direct Support (CDS), Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN), the Autism Waiver, and Support Intensity Scale (SIS)
- At the Coalition meeting there will be a discussion centering on Positive Behavior Supports, and restraints with injury.
- Senator Noddler has filed SB511 (Provider tax) that will impact providers. Although not yet approved by CMS< the bill would allow for rates to go up .05%, creating an additional pool of dollars. An assessment of this bill is still occurring, but it should be revenue enhancing. Some potential strategies were outlined for these potential dollars. Jeff Grosvenor explained that it is more of a fee than a tax, and would allow DMH to draw down additional federal dollars. They would increase the rate so providers could pay the fee, and generate additional dollars that could be utilized for residential habilitation, day habilitations and individualized support living services.
- A question was asked about e-learning. That training curriculum will be available for training. There will be more information coming next month on this. The cost will be about \$6 per employee. E- learning is different from College of Direct Support in that it has more topics.
- Discussion concerning UR scores, able to serve 9-12 only if they have Medicaid via the caseload growth monies in the budget. This is generated through Medicaid eligibility and dollars are earmarked.
- The budget update looked positive for DD. Bernie Simons had testified for Representative Icet’s bill before the budget committee yesterday. The supplemental budget will affect 2010.
- A CSR for Autism was discussed. This is not in statute, but was introduced by Senator Schmidt and Representative Grismore. The Office on Autim and the Commission on Autism are looking at diagnostics and evaluation. The Division is partnering with The Thompson Center. The nest step will be to include OT, PT Speech. There is a link to these groups on the DMH website. The groups are volunteers, and will meet again in June.
- Discussed federal Stimulus dollars and if the rates that county’s are reimbursed will be the same as the state rate. The dollars go back to the county if they are paying match, and is retroactive to October 1, 2008.
- Discussion the press release for the Governor’s website for ideas on what to do with the stimulus dollars. Transform.mo.gov is the site.
- An invitation to DMH staff was extended based on the motion approved earlier in the meeting.
- There was a question from MACDDS concerning budgeting for casemanagement supervisor positions in the future growth of TCM. DMH budget allows for caseload growth dollars to be spent only on casemanagement services. It is felt that we will need effective strategies in order to discuss in a similar fashion.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.