

Vicki McCarrell, President
Cooper County Board of Sheltered Services
PO Box 239
Boonville, MO 65233
660-882-5576; fax 660-882-7483
vicki@uoi.org



Cathy Arrowsmith, President Elect
Marion Co., carrowsmith@mcsdd.com
James Duffin, Secretary
Howell County, jjduffin@wpcs.net
Peter Breting, Treasurer
Camden County, ccsb40@sbcglobal.net
Jennifer Wooldridge, Member-at-Large
Jefferson County, jgwooldridge@dsjc.org
Jim Casey, Past President
Cole County, jimcasey@ccrsi.org

*Missouri Association of County
Developmental Disabilities Services*

February 14, 2007

Bernard Simons
Director
Division of MRDD
PO Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Bernie,

At our meeting in January, the MACDDS members voted to adopt a position regarding expansion of county based targeted case management and I am corresponding to share the position of the members. It was the unanimous position of the membership that since county SB40 Boards have local authority in developmental disabilities services set forth in statute established by a referendum passed by the voters in each county, and the boards collect and expend tax funds to serve a defined developmental disabilities population, county boards should have the first right of refusal when the Division of MRDD is seeking TCM providers in a specific area of the state. Since the SB40 Boards have been identically defined that served by the Division of MRDD, we believe the Division in establishing county based case management, should properly establish a procedure extending first right of refusal to these locally established boards prior to negotiating with private sector, not for profit entities for the provision of case management and related services.

It is also the MACDDS position that if the county board does not wish to be the TCM provider in their county, that SB40 Board and the Director of the Division of MRDD should confer and make a joint determination of the suitability of any other not for profit which the state may be considering for designation as the local case management provider.

We appreciate our continued good relationship and look forward to reaching an understanding with you in respect to our position. We look forward to seeing you at the next MACDDS meeting.

Sincerely,

Vicki McCarrell
President

Dedicated to the Promotion of County Initiative in Developmental Disabilities Services