

**Medicaid Waiver Work Group Meeting  
December 3, 2008**

**Participants:** Jane Kruse, Betsy Barnes, Roger Garlich (Chair), Ann Graff, Les Wagner, Doris Boeckman

**QMRP/QDDP**

Discussion of QMRP position descriptions. State merit system classifies the positions, and the HR staff at DMH indicated that those responsible for management of the state merit system are comfortable with the classifications, knowing the opinions that have been published.

Options – 1) craft a position description and ask for an opinion based on the job description; or 2) mirror the department case managers.

Jane prefers the QMRP descriptions as per the federal regulation. The problem is that the QDDP position description is different from the previous QMRP position description.

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**Budget**

Roger met with Keith on November 12. The 2009 DMH budget – zero growth or 5 percent deficit (each percent being \$80 million). Projecting \$400 to \$80 million deficit. The Nixon transition team has requested state departments to project budgets for 10, 15 and 20 percent reductions.

Keith recommended waiting until times are better before presenting the recommendations to the transition team. If they recognize there is money available, they may use it to supplant state funds.

**Communication**

Also spoke with Keith about working together as a partnership to solve some of the problems. Bernie will meeting with the Mental Health Commission. The work group also felt they needed more time with Bernie outside the Coalition because MACDDS members are funders.

Also mentioned to Keith concerns about the caseload growth problem. Peg is on the UR work group. First meeting is set for December 15. If there is any input, please share with her before that meeting.

Keith deferred issues to Bernie.

**UR Scores**

Jane brought up the Support Intensity Scale for assigning UR scores. The department seems to be moving that direction. Peg felt the SIS may be too broad for categorization of UR scores. Roger asked if the Minnesota model would be feasible for UR scoring. Jane indicated that unless there is some assessment or allocation. There are options, including ACSP, ability to contract with non-profits if County Boards choose not be contract.

Page 12 of the research booklet has the Minnesota summary.

Roger asked Doris to send copies of the research paper to Peg for use with the UR committee at their meeting.

Jane asked if the state was meeting with Covington & Burling. Roger met with Bernie, who felt he was communicating through the Coalition; however, MACDDS feels there is a greater need for meeting independent of the Coalition because of funding issues.

Roger discussed with Bernie concerns about communication issues as outlined in the MW research report. Roger discussed a “kitchen cabinet” approach. Peg indicated a lot of good work resulted from the last cabinet.

Les, felt that we needed to distribute the research paper and that recommendations and options should be presented to the transition team. Les indicated he would have that conversation.

Jane spoke with DHSS about physical disability waiver slots – they have 80 slots and some are open. Roger asked if it was a UR score. Les said it was not. Steve Kramer is the person from DHSS that Jane spoke to.

### **First Steps**

Discussion about the screening tools. Missouri has chosen to go with DAYCY, but Jane said there is source that shows a review of all the tools. Jane will send the link to forward to the work group.

### **Recommendations for MACDDS meeting:**

- 1) Peg, as rep to the UR group, will present ideas in the research paper to try to move that direction.
- 2) Request that the MACDDS membership share communication concerns with Bernie ..
- 3) Clarify whether we are holding or distributing the research paper; agreed to distribute:
  - Present it to the Nixon Transition Team; Les will take the lead
  - Mental Health Commission – with letter and request for time on meeting schedule or offer to present in partnership with Bernie to the Mental Health Commission; the next MHC meeting is **January 8, 2009** in Jefferson City
  - Bernie has a strategic planning session with MHC – this would be a good time to present jointly
  - Correspond with Pam Leyhe to ensure that she has a copy of the report and involve her in the process; Jane will take the lead
  - Peg mentioned that she would approach Joanne Leykam to see if she can get some time on her Calendar; report has already been forwarded to Joanne
  - May take a full year to lay the groundwork to implement some of the recommendations
  - Mary Sullivan-Thomas and Peg Capo are scheduled to give testimony at the Senate
  - Appropriations committee; mention the paper during the testimony and provide a copy of the report (about 15 copies)
- 4) Roger will be making written contact with Fulvio Franzi with the Workshops before the end of the year. Jane and Roger will work on this.
- 5) Follow-up with Pam Thomas on the SPOE.