

MACDDS Minutes
Wednesday January 24, 2007

President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Celebrations of Success:

Taney County Developmental Connections is building a 13,000 square foot building to house programs. (M. Lytle)

Franklin County has reached a settlement regarding their tax base. (R. Kruse)

Minutes:

D. Cole made a motion which was seconded by L. Wells to approve the December meeting minutes as emailed. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report:

C. Arrowsmith presented the 2006 year financial report showing a total of \$13,857.27 income over expenses. Motion to accept the financial report made by R. Kruse, second by J. Casey. Motion passed unanimously.

The Finance Committee's 2007 Budget Proposal with line item narrative was presented and discussed. J. Casey made a motion to approve the budget as presented. M. Lytle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Coordinator's Report

D. Boeckman distributed her January, 2007 report on activities performed by Community Asset Builders, LLC. These included Administration, Graphic Design, Missouri Housing Trust Fund and Missouri Foundation for Health. Forty nine percent of the 41 hours were spent on the MHTF Emergency Housing Assistance Program. EHAP 3rd quarter funds have been expended. MACDDS members may want to consider Foundation for Health assessment and planning which now open. She also distributed a current Committee Roster for corrections, additions and deletions. L Wells asked for a definition of CARF Work Group goals. D. Boeckman will meet with Chair R. Kruse for details.

The 2007 Consultant Agreement with Community Asset Builders, LLC, was presented for approval. Discussion centered on the last item in 1. Consultation Services, section B, last item re; attending meetings at other than scheduled time. Consensus was to eliminate that item. M. Whitlock made the motion to approve the contract with change indicated. Second by R. Kruse, motion passed unanimously.

Agency Liaison Reports

MARF (M. Whitlock) The New Directions proposal was presented to Bernie Simon, Director MR/DD Division, DMH.

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Agency Liaison Reports continued.

Missouri Planning Council (V. McCarrell) Reviewed the proposals to DMH from MARF, MACDDS and MOANCOR. The agenda for June 15th to come. Two grants from CFI totaling \$75,000 were received.

Sheltered Workshops – SB77 has been introduced to increase per diem.

Congress on Disability (J. Ames) Lovie Oelklaus was appointed as third member to act as backup for meetings. February 14th Legislative Breakfast, request monetary support from MACDDS. Motion made by J. Duffin to provide \$100.00, second by M. Lytle, motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Public Awareness (J. Wooldridge) Committee will meet at February MACDDS meeting, time to be determined. Subject the Annual Report.

Conference (C. Arrowsmith) A Co-Chair is needed.

Resource Development – eliminate committee, not needed.

First Steps (R. Kruse) Met with Senator Rupp this morning to discuss future of First Steps program.

Insurance Committee and Prevention Funding are not active committees at this time.

L and I Benefit Group Update

Ryan Kent presented updated information on Pre-paid and Legal Services. Discussed the Company give back to participating agencies. He also distributed information on Identity Theft and Liability and need for organizations to have sound policies and procedures regarding their liability.

Coalition Legislative Agenda

Three positions were discussed: 1) COLA , an eight percent increase is supported by all three organizations. 2) Recommendation 24 – Since the Committee is already in existence , we take no stand on that issue at this time.. 3) Accreditation by a national organization such as Council and CARF. Peg Capo moved that MACDDS regarding accreditation “Endorse the mandatory national accreditation position, with the Division of MRDD providing financial assistance for the accreditation process similar to that provided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.” J Wooldridge seconded the motion, motion passed with 3 abstaining.

Motion made by M. Lytle “ MACDDS supports the concept of Senate Bill 3.” Second by B. Hand, motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Coleman, College of Direct Support

Ms Coleman reported 21 agencies have enrolled 450 Learners in the College of Direct Support. The goal is 800 by September 2007. DMH is interested in enrolling employees at Hab Centers. UMKC-Institute for Human Development is designing a web site at moddrc.org 57 Learners have completed the course and will receive Department Level Certificate. The pilot program ends November 2008. An assessment will be made on the job. The course is customized to Missouri, which takes work particularly regarding legal definitions. A mentoring

program is being planned. Plan also includes working with Work Force Development and DESE. Since the course is on-line, the Learner works at their own pace to complete each lesson or module. There are 13 modules.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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MACDDS MINUTES Thursday, January 25, 2007

President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions and Celebrations of Success

Jefferson County (J. Wooldridge) TCM program received a 3 year CARF accreditation on their first try.

Osage County (J. Ames) received a van from MODOT through a grant.

A new MACDDS display board used for Legislative Days in the Capitol Rotunda will be kept at CABLLC office. Betsy Barnes said space is reserved for February 14th for Disability Awareness Day and February 24th for our legislative day.

Jim Casey reported that \$100.00 of MACDDS funds were donated to the Congress on Disability for their legislative breakfast.

Learning Opportunities Center (W. Hays) received a \$36,000 grant for document destruction. They also received a Social Security grant.

Bernie Simon's office called, he cannot meet until 10:45. The agenda was changed to review the three proposals made to the Recommendation 24 Committee.

Discussion on Proposals

Alicia Nissen reported on her proposal that includes providing TCM for the entire Joplin Regional Center region. Originally submitted almost 2 years ago the plan was based on recommendations of the Government Review Committee and the Medicaid Reform Commission. Jasper County Sheltered Facilities Board wanted to offer an alternative to DMH in the event the roles of the regional center are redefined. The question was asked at the stakeholders meeting whether county boards have the authority to provide services outside their own county. Senate Bill 500 put into statute the Senate Bill 40 legislation and specifically sought the collaboration of county boards for an Early Intervention system. This county collaboration is also mentioned in the First Steps audit released this month. The issue of benefits for state employees compared to SB40 Boards was also discussed. Different areas of the state have local needs and SB40 boards will have different policies. The plan should be flexible to meet the needs appropriately and effectively. The budget includes 100% Medicaid reimbursement, additional funds generated in a county can then be used to provide case management to non-Medicaid eligible individuals. No county tax dollars would be spent outside the county. Jasper County wants to be part of the change, rather than waiting to see what is going to happen to them.

MACDDS has not taken a position regarding SB40 Boards having right of first refusal for TCM provision in their county nor whether the board should be part of the determination of the agent to provide TCM service in their county.

J. Prage stated St Louis County Board does not want to be the TCM provider for their county. Due to the high population it makes a very different situation.

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L. Wagner asked if there is a consensus that if there is an established county board should the state first approach that board. If the board is not interested in TCM, they still would have a funding relationship with the state and should a role in the selection of any administrative agent to be selected. They are local authorities and they provide tax dollars to system. The state should perform due diligence by involving the county board in the decision making process. There may not be a single solution due to the differences between regions.

B. Hand made a motion that a formal position letter be sent to DMH stating: County Boards are the local authority and should have the right of first refusal when the state is seeking TCM providers for an area. Further, should the respective county board not wish to be the TCM provider, that county board is nonetheless the local authority which contributes tax dollars to the system. If the state wishes to appoint an administrative entity, that county board must approve the appointment of the administrative entity for its respective county. (No second recorded)

Kerry Kisslinger, Missouri Public Entity Benefits

Kisslinger reviewed information on health insurance available to local governments and non profits currently providing plans for 90 counties.

Bernard Simons, Director, MRDD

State of the State address was presented by the Governor last night. Bernie and Jeff will go back next week to address the supplemental budget request. They were at hearings today which will reconvene next week. Jeff Grosevenor provided a handout with DMH budget information. Governor's budget includes 3% COLA for state employees. Hab Center funding totally supported. No decrease in Core Funding request. Governor made no recommendation for 8% increase for providers. Hab Centers did get 3% increase. MRDD community support services request for \$18.6 million, Governor recommended \$3.7 million. Governor supports 40 rather than 200 TCM positions. Reduction in state share of Medicaid match monies from 38.32% to 37.78%. Caseload growth funding request of \$27.7 million, Governor recommended \$2 million.

Peg Capo noted that private providers funding request is usually funded but state positions are. If the push to move things into the private sector it is a concern that the fiscal decisions are not being made to support that direction.

Lynn Wells asked how the decreased recommendation for TCM providers will affect the stakeholders committee as they make their recommendations to DMH. Bernie asked to hold that discussion until the 2007 supplemental request is addressed.

Jeff Grosevenor reported that they received the budget information yesterday. The Governor did not make any recommendation for any supplemental budget for additional case management. The items that were included in the governor's recommendation for supplemental (which used to be called emergency) include hab center funding.

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Betsy Barnes asked about what should happen with the County Boards which have submitted proposals to expand case management. Bernie indicated that the Division will not have supplemental funding. Bernie indicated that the Division would need to use the funding available to fund case management in the areas with the highest caseloads, ie St. Louis. The Division is on a holding pattern until the budget is finalized. Bernie stated that the function of the Regional Centers in the future involves more than just the budget process. Bernie stated that he believes that DMH will not have the need to have a reduction in force, but there will likely be a number of positions that are redirected. Jeff Grosevenor provided a handout indicating the current distribution of case management by county boards and the distribution which results from the proposals submitted by County Boards to the Division.

Lynn Wells asked about getting documentation such as the DMH 57 to provide the agency with a detail summary about what they are being paid. Currently Lynn's agency does not get this information through CIMOR and is spending an excessive amount of time trying to track financial information.

Jim Casey asked about the caseload growth situation. Since there is not caseload growth funding available, the Board is unable to provide funding in situations where they know they would have to provide the funding indefinitely as opposed to knowing that DMH funding would become available. Jeff G. stated that all 2007 caseload growth funds were allocated in July. With the governor's current recommendation, there is not going to be funding available to continue to get people off the waiting list.

Jeff stated that DMH has been asked to provide individual information about people on the waiting list. Would like stories to share about individuals and county funding which could be used (see Jim's comment above). Bernie stated that the report is due tomorrow afternoon.

Peg suggested that MAC members must be getting people in front of the legislators. Legislators need to understand how increasing the funding source would really make a difference. Legislators are hearing that people in emergency situations are on the waiting list for over a year, so they wonder how this could actually be an emergency. Peg also suggests that we share specific information with legislators.

Jeff G. explained that with the Money follows the person grant, the 80/20 match is only for 12 months and is only available for long-term care (hab center, minimum of 6 months).

Mary Sullivan-Thomas discussed the ready in three program and how to locate the most vulnerable people in case of an emergency. Asked about the issues that arise during an emergency that are not in compliance with regulations under normal circumstances (some examples include people sleeping on couches and floors, having to utilize volunteer staff that have not been through the proper screenings, etc). Bernie stated that the Division is working on some directives regarding coverage and safety during an emergency.

Bernie stated that he wants to get out the message that the Division is trying to promote more local control. Feedback from some providers is that we have been talking about this for a long time, and finally we are doing something about this. Bernie is trying to explain that Senate Bill 40s are a funding stream. As an employer Bernie does not want to have a system that is punitive to its employees. Does not want a cookie cutter system. Is trying to get out the message that this is a work team and we will work it out. Bernie will probably start in Kansas City. Question regarding Governor recommending sprinklers in group homes. Jeff's response that if this becomes legislation, the Division would do a fiscal report. Bernie said that they have not done anything with First Steps. The division is not sure where they are going with First Steps right now.

Les Wagner reported that his county was the first county to form an LICC. Discussed the success in First Steps until redesign. People do not understand why they cannot choose integrated case management.

Jim Casey discussed the criminal background check charges. There will be two tiered system so we only have to pay \$5, not \$10. Only non-mandated people have to pay the higher fees. This is also true for fingerprinting.

Vicki asked the membership about continuing the discussion of the three case management proposals. The membership agreed to table that discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>
Buchanan County	Lynn Wells
Callaway County	Terry Weatherspoon
Camden County	Pete Breting
Cole County	Jim Casey
Cooper County	Vicki McCarrell
DeKalb County	Ron Krider
Franklin County	Ronald Kruse
Gasconade County	Susan Steinbeck
Howard County	Debra Miller
Jefferson County	Jennifer Wooldridge
Lafayette County	Marcus Whitlock
Lincoln County	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
Macon County	Wendy Hays
Marion County	Cathy Arrowsmith
Montgomery County	Dan Cole
Pike County	Betsy Barnes
St Charles County	Peg Capo
St Louis County	Joyce Prage
Taney County	Max Lytle
Warren County	Lovie Oelklaus
Washington County	Buddy Hand

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>
Alternative Community Training	Mark Hassemer

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Name</u>
Community Asset Builders LLC	Doris Boeckman

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<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>
Adair	Nanette Davis
Boone	Les Wagner
Buchanan	Lyn Wells
Callaway	Terry Weatherspoon
Camden	Pete Breting
Cole	Jim Casey
Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
DeKalb	Ron Krider
Franklin	Ronald Kruse
Gasconade	Susan Steinbeck
Greene	Jan Jones
Howard	Debra Miller
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jasper	Alecia Nissen
Jefferson	Jennifer Wooldaridge
Lafayette	Marcus Whitlock
Lincoln	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
Macon	Wendy Hays
Marion	Cathy Arrowsmith
Montgomery	Dan Cole
Osage	Jennie Ames
Pike	Betsy Barnes
St Charles	Peg Capo
St Louis	Joyce Prage
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