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Developmental Disabilities Services

Meeting Minutes
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Call to Order/ Celebration and Announcements

- Lincoln County just completed a big office move, included changing space previously devoted to the preschool program
- Taney County received a large economic development grant to refurbish their workshop
- Cole County reports a mix up in the FMAP monies, everyone should match the rebates with the corresponding billing to be certain that the amounts are correct
 1. December 2009 minutes were distributed electronically. **Chuck Snow** moved to approve the minutes as written and **Max Lytle** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**
 2. November and December financial statements were distributed electronically. **Charlie Washburn** moved to approve them as presented and **Vicki McCarrell** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Agency Liaison Reports

- MARF representatives had no report this month.
- MoAncor representatives had no report this month.
- Jennifer Wooldridge reported that the Coalition has met a few times since our December meeting, both in person and by conference call. There is a document on our web site called a Missouri Roadmap, developed by the Division in 2007. The Division is looking for a cooperative approach to solving some of the issues identified in the document, topics such as TCM Equity, Rates, and Additional Waiver services.
- Rebecca Largent reported that Vocational Rehabilitation is looking for pilot projects to work with autism and competitive employment. A new Assistant Director for Autism Services has been appointed. Membership reported that there is still confusion and concern over the changes in funding mechanisms.
- Wendy Hayes reports that Supported Employment issues of low numbers of people with developmental disabilities in competitive employment are being addressed by the Alliance for Full Participation. A goal to double the percentage by 2015 has been set. A pilot program in Kirksville is working on gathering data that will give us a better idea of who is actually employed and/or how many hours. A state plan for Employment has been presented. The ARC is developing a Career Planning resource Guide which is in draft now, should be available around June. An employment module for TCM is available via e-learning. Missouri APSE will

present a training on March 10th and their annual conference is set for August 11-12, 2010, with a half day session on employment initiatives

- Vicki McCarrell and Susan Pritchard-Green reported that the Missouri Planning Council met last week and has allocated \$6000 for a “no R word” campaign in March (DD Awareness Month) , discussed a DD count system, approved career planning in Columbia, approved the \$75,000 re-release to 2 RFP’s for organizational change, and moved forward in funding development dollars for a not for profit organization that will serve as a clearinghouse of affordable housing information and expertise. MPC has requested a presentation about TCM considerations from the MACDDS perspective.
- Ann Graff reported that the Sheltered Workshop managers had a “breakfast with the legislators” event this morning, with funding as the primary issue of discussion. The predicted shortfall has been reduced somewhat due to the recent closing due to weather.
- Chuck Snow reported the Congress on Disability has decided to cancel the wine and cheese event for legislators and will be distributing information at the capitol instead.
- The Private Industry Council (PIC) has been dissolved and will be removed from the agenda.
- Alecia Archer attended the Mental Health Commission meeting and brought budget information. The Commission heard testimony from DDD concerning the prevention waiver. There was considerable discussion concerning prior notice to an organization or board when using their individual situation as written testimony or presentation to the Commission. **Peg Capo** made a motion that a letter to Keith Schafer and Bernie Simons be drafted and then hand delivered at a meeting to be arranged to discuss. **Lynn Wells** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**. Jake Jacobs, Jennifer Wooldridge, Alecia Archer and Peg Capo will attend the meeting. Alecia also reported that there was discussion concerning the recommendation of CARF accreditation for CPS programs to decrease regulatory issues, discussion about dual diagnosis population steering committee through the Coalition, that the prevention waiver is informally at CMS for feedback, the UR directive is out for comment, and some discussion about the continuation of FMAP past December 2010. Les Wagner agreed to represent the DD piece for the Coalition’s steering committee on the department's task force on dual diagnosis. Future Commission meeting dates have not been set but Alecia plans on attending.

Committee Reports

- The Executive Committee met earlier today and reported the following
 - Recommend that a grant for technical assistance to be applied for to be used to develop the automated financial system for MACDDS that will make transition of officers more efficient. CAB will apply for and implement the grant on our behalf. **Alecia Archer** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.
 - There has been a request for a MACDDS representative to serve on the Special Needs Recovery Task Force. Charlie Washburn volunteered to represent MACDDS on this task force.
 - The executive committee met earlier today with Tim Swinfard, Director of the Coalition of Mental Health Centers. Discussed working together on a local level to increase communication between local service providers of DD and Mental Health services and on a Coalition to MACDDS level. Jennifer Wooldridge will work with Tim Swinfard over the next six months to develop some sort of MOU or agreement. Jennifer will keep the membership informed.

Special Report

Angels Gourley
ARC of Missouri Wait List Campaign

Report on Wait List Camping, aimed at awareness of the impact of wait list on people and families in Missouri. Campaign will be focusing on several different aspects. Contact information was distributed. Web site in development with photos and real life stories of families, so any families we can steer toward the project would be helpful. They are also looking to build a speaker pool of family members willing to share their stories. Web site should be up March 1st.

Autism Update

Julia Kaufmann, Director, Office of Autism Services

Handouts to update us on autism diagnosis procedures and practices were distributed. It was reported that the Autism Spectrum Disorder Commission is currently planning how to implement the statutory duty of developing a state plan for training and treatment. Autism is a part of the DD system and policy and practices implemented for autism will affect the whole DD system. Hope to have recommendations by June. Discussed current legislation and criteria for credentials for people providing applied behavioral analysis as a therapy.

Committee Reports, continued

- Alecia Archer reported that the Public Awareness Committee continued to research the TCM provider awards for SW Missouri and how those rate inequities might effect MACDDS member counties. There was much discussion, including the idea that MACDDS could become a TCM provider as a not for profit organization in counties without SB40 legislation and discussion concerning the letter sent by MACDDS some time ago stating our recommendations that providers have shared values, national accreditation, and a history of service to people with developmental disabilities. There will be a membership only meeting tomorrow at noon to discuss contract possibilities. The salary survey is underway but not yet completed.
- Jim Casey reports that the Education and Training Committee is looking for a theme for our annual conference. The mid-year conference is set for April 29th and will focus on financial considerations.
- Peg Capo reports that the Governmental Affairs Committee is working to clarify the match amounts (at least \$500,000) available through MACDDS for legislators. MACDDS and MPC are working together to "clean up your language" for DD Awareness month. The posters will be available from MPC or on a jpeg format from MPC to print locally as needed. Silver pins are being used to signify DD awareness, and can be purchased in bulk online or ribbon can be used. **Mary Sullivan-Thomas** moved to set aside \$1000 for DD awareness/clean up your language campaign. **Wendy Hays** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**. Posters will be available by contacting mpcdd.com.
- Regulations/Standards/Policy committee brings a printed copy of the second read of a proposed by law change to the membership today. **Betsy Barnes** moved to accept the change as presented, **Jake Jacobs** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**. The committee will be meeting tomorrow morning at 8am.
- Jake Jacobs reported for the finance committee. He is recommending an audit every year rather than every other year as completed previously to avoid the recent fines for not filing a 990 on the "off" year. Fines totaled \$1800. **Jake Jacobs** moved to obtain an annual audit and **Max Lytle** seconded the motion. The **motion carried**.
- Ron Kruse reported on Quality Enhancement activities as they relate to TCM as a service. After some discussion **Ron Kruse** moved that TCM providers be encouraged and supported in seeking national accreditation. **Betsy Barnes** seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

With this as the stopping point for today's meeting, the meeting was adjourned.