

MACDDS MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2007

President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions were made.

General Announcements

J. Casey reported that Neva Thurston's husband had passed away.

V McCarrell distributed information on Friends of the NIDCR (National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research).

Members having problems receiving emails were referred to Mary Sullivan-Thomas.

Celebrations of Success

V. McCarrell reported the Cooper County Workshop received a rest area maintenance contract. And, they were awarded a \$50,000 grant for recycling from Mid Missouri Solid Waste.

T. Weatherspoon – Callaway County received the J.H. Adkinson Award.

J. Casey – Cole County was finally paid \$102,000 for residential services billed last February.

J. Tilman – Platte County received Second Year Grant for Transition Services.

Minutes

Secretary J. Duffin received a correction to January 25, page 4 paragraph 2 from J. Prage, should read "Due to the high number of individuals that are not Medicaid Waiver, funding for TCM would not cover the cost of case management."

Also on that same page, paragraph 4. B. Hands motion did not show a second. It was determined Les Wagner seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Other corrections and additions were noted and will be included and resent to members.

L. Wells moved the minutes be approved as corrected. J. Tilman second, motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report

Treasurer P. Breting reported 26 memberships had been received; March 15th is last day for members to be included in annual report. The January report includes added expenses for the 2006 Conference from the hotel and Steiner received to late for the 2006 final report. Motion to approve the January report by D. Cole. Second J. Casey, motion passed unanimously.

M. Lytle requested clarification on late bills. C. Arrowsmith said they were later than expected.

Executive Coordinator's Report.

D. Boeckman distributed a written report on activities and hours spent in behalf of MACDDS.

She indicated more hours will be spent in February gearing up for the Legislature. They are worked on design layouts for the annual report for the Public Awareness Committee. Continue to update the committee list, passed a copy around for corrections and additions.

Agency Liaison Reports

Coalition - J Casey Meeting on March 1 with Keith Schaffer and Bernie Simon to educate them on what the coalition is and its agenda. Coalition looking for feedback from members, still advocating for Provider COLA, clarified consensus was to ask for 8 percent.

Missouri Planning Council – V. McCarrell Next meeting March 22 & 23.

Sheltered Workshops – R. Garlich Ticket to Work legislation for medical assistance for workers with disabilities has been introduced by Rep. Portwood. Workshop Subsidy increase is also in legislative process. State minimum wage increase does not affect sheltered workshop wage.

Congress on Disability – J. Ames February 14th legislative day at Capitol went very well, good representation of agencies and legislators, lots of support for funding for sprinkler systems, support for fixing spenddown issues.

Committee Reports

Finance – P. Breting looking for another CD with good rate. Committee will need to meet to determine where to invest.

Public Awareness – D. Boeckman Committee to meet following today's meeting to discuss Annual Report design/color/theme choices. Looking at annual survey questions and format.

Conference –C. Arrowsmith meeting tonight at dinner.

MAC Online – M. Sullivan-Thomas Legislative Update is posted weekly. College of Direct Support information is also online. Adding resources categories.

MHTF – report emailed to participants regarding final quarter. Received grant for 07/08 of \$100,000, down a third due to inclusion of the Salvation Army's grant.

Legislative – M. Sullivan-Thomas said turn-out today was poor (6). Will not arrange future legislative days unless requested by the membership. HB39 (Ticket to Work) passed the House and sent to the Senate. J. Prage met with Rep Portwood; he needs clarification from VR about eligibility for sheltered workshop. DESE/NISH is re-looking at eligibility. M. Sullivan-Thomas distributed legislative tracking lists and legislative directories. Recommended voicing our wish for legislators support for increase for direct care staff.

Regulations/Standards/Policy – J. Tilman will present By-Laws amendment after other committee reports.

First Steps Work Group. - R. Kruse Last meeting was snowed out. Met with Sen. Rupp today. Group is meeting tomorrow after MAC meeting. M. Sullivan-Thomas made a motion to "Allow the First Steps Work Group bring back the two previous proposals, review and update them then submit them to Sen. Rupp. Second by J. Thielke, motioned passed unanimously. L. Wells mentioned to poor funding for the program, including lack of COLA for many years.

College of Direct Support – R. Garlich Currently 66 graduates. Steering Committee is meeting this morning. Will present budget for sustainability.

By-Laws Amendment – J. Tilman

Regarding clarification of Nominating Committee members to read:

Nominating Committee: This committee shall consist of the immediate Past President, the President Elect, and not less than three other members of the Association appointed by the President of the Association. The immediate Past President shall serve as the Chairperson of the

committee. The committee shall be responsible for submitting at the August meeting, a list of nominees to fill offices of the Association.

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Motion by J. Tilman, second by L. Wells, motion passed unanimously. Members are J. Case, Chair; C. Arrowsmith, M. Whitlock, J. Tilman, V. McCarrell to appoint a third person.

Discussion on committee update list.

M. Sullivan-Thomas does not feel that MAC Online needs to be a committee. Her report will be removed from future agendas.

MHTF no Chair at this time. D, Boeckman will oversee.

Public Awareness – J. Wooldridge should be listed as Chair.

Awards Committee – Should list last 5 Presidents.

Update will be on the website in the Members Only Section.

Resume Discussion on Proposals:

Regarding Recommendation 24, M. Sullivan-Thomas expressed frustration. The committee was charged with determining feasibility of a public/private arrangement; but are only discussing the three proposals as a response to the charge. Seems that these proposals are not expected to address all issues of Rec. 24, but they were designed for specific portions of it

Discussion with Jennifer Wooldridge – Stakeholder Committee Meeting

Provided explanation of the CPS model and definitions of an administrative agent. Committee determined to use the term affiliate rather than the term of administrative agent to avoid any confusion or association with the term used in other parts of DMH.

Mary Sullivan Thomas asked if the group has addressed the issue that the proposals being considered were not even created in response to the recommendation. The recommendation came after the proposals.

Jennifer and Les noted that there were a lot of complaints about history during the stakeholder meeting.

Jennifer suggested that the stakeholder committee needs to refocus and bring themselves back to the recommendation.

Jem Duffin asked if the models of other states are being considered and noted that Michigan has had a community-based system and has successfully implemented the system for approximately 30 years.

Les noted that it seems that the committee focus is for SB40's to be the first entity to which DMH should go when looking for Affiliates.

The committee discussed CARF or other national accreditation and what that would mean in terms of Regional Center QA function. Les noted that Bernie's response was that a CARF accredited agency would be required to have an internal QA process and that would only necessitate annual reviews by Regional Center QA.

Susan Pritchard Green noted that Vim Horn is the Planning Council's representative on the recommendation 24 committee. She stated that they have met and provided information to Vim to take forward to the committee, but that the information is probably too specific to be useful to the committee at this time

Missouri Planning Council Report

Susan Pritchard Green noted that the planning council did make contact with freshman legislators and provided them information on community services for MR/DD. Civil Rights discussion—everyone has the right to live in the community. Discussed issues around Medicaid with the legislators. Susan will bring copies of the handouts that the Council provided for the legislators to the Thursday meeting.

Tim Cruise reported on the UR work group and the committee co-chaired by Peg Capo and Tec Chapman. The committee is currently focused on the philosophy.

Vicki's training staff attends the College of Direct Support meetings. Discussed person centered planning training. Roger said there are six required trainings by the Waiver and one of those is person-centered planning. College of Direct Support will include person-centered planning. There is a sustainability proposal being developed to fund all direct care staff going through the College of Direct support the intent is to do this through a minimal increase in provider rates. There is supervisory training available through the College of Direct Support and the "other" categories of training are also available to participating agencies.

Bernard Simons, Director, MRDD

Recommendation 24 committee is going to be moving forward more quickly since it needs to be finished with its scope of work by May 1 and since there is a fiscal note attached to the work.

Bernie wants to know what SB40 Boards would charge DMH to do transitions from the Hab Centers. Looking at linkage with providers, coordinating with Hab Center staff, doing follow-up 30 and 60 days out. Bernie looking at changing the way DMH does business and getting a jump on that. Currently 3 transition service coordinators at Bellefontaine and one at each of the other Hab Centers. Looking at a fee for service for what the SB40 would charge to write the plan and move the person. Bernie needs to know interest and cost for these services. The Hab Center would identify appropriate people to move into the community and get all the appropriate paperwork prior to the transition taking place.

#15 from the Mental Health Commission report says that there should be transition to the community (?). Also ties in to #11 from the governor's task force (?) Bernie will form a committee to look at what is the role of the hab center in the future.

Bernie asked for thought regarding hab centers and crisis management in the counties MAC represents. What are other states doing. If someone needs inpatient med adjustment and we use the hab centers, then there is a geographic issue (it's too far away in many areas). Where we have certain areas that have regional centers that used to have bed capacity, could that be privatized and turned into short-term crisis, inpatient turn around time.

Discussed the system to identify individuals who are interested in moving from Hab centers to the community and that the system is not working. Bernie discussed that with Fred Fredlington today and they are working on getting the system to operate and to have an efficient sort so the data retrieved is useful.

Les Wagner asked about governor's recommendations on TCM by SB40; there are 40 in the governor's recommendations vs. 200 asked for by DMH. Bernie is testifying before the house appropriation committee tomorrow. Mary Sullivan-Thomas commented that the governor's recommendations could indicate a lack of support by the governor for the downsizing of Regional Center functions. Bernie said it might also be the finite amount of dollars available and the large amount of requests by various state agencies. Bernie is looking at all opportunities to streamline the Regional Center's functions so that it is a very flat organization. Bernie has not encountered any resistance to downsizing, but funding is a concern. It is going to take five years to make the change.

Ron Kruse asked Bernie about pilot projects for First steps case management and if First Steps Services are provided by County Boards would be supported by the division and if DMH would assist with the arrangements through DESE as well to implement such a process. Bernie indicated there would be support from the Division in these efforts

Vicki sent the letter to Bernie recommending that County Boards have right of first refusal for the affiliate. Bernie agreed that this is appropriate.

Bernie addressed the issue that TCM rates may change. Reducing the match to 50/50 is being discussed administratively at the federal level again. Bernie said that the information Jeff provided at the last stakeholder meeting is actually related to this 50/50 change and how that would impact rate. Les indicated that Jane Kruse is investigating how other states base their rates and get paid for TCM services. Les asked Bernie to reconsider how the units are configured so the cost of case management service provided when under the current 6 minute units, are billable rather than a cost absorbed by the TCM provider.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p,m,

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President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.,

Introductions were made

General Announcements

J. Jones – Greene County Board for the Developmentally Disabled has completed development of software for billing TCM and tracking data. The cost for the software will be divided among any interested purchasers and the cost for technical support will be determined by developers and purchasers. Any interested parties can contact Jan Jones. A time to present the program at the TCM meeting will be arranged by Jan Jones through Robin Kaufman.

V. McCarrell noted that Janice Tilman completed her first CARF survey as a surveyor. Congratulations to Janice.

J. Casey announced the conference committee had a very successful meeting and the theme for this year's conference will be "CSI Missouri".

Strategic Plan—Doris Boeckman

Doris facilitated the development of the MACDDS strategic plan starting with a list of MACDDS accomplishments for 2006 and working through a draft document.

During the strategic planning process, a motion was made by Les Wagner to notify DMH in the form of a letter from the President of MACDDS that in light of the County Board's contribution of funds used in the waiver, MACDDS should be notified of any contemplation of potential changes to existing waivers or development of new waivers and MACDDS should participate with DMH and CMS in the development of such. Seconded by Alecia Nissen. Passed unanimously.

Discussion led to the formation of a new MACDDS committee to address issues with the Waiver. Roger Garlich will chair. Members include Alecia Nissen, Les Wagner, and Jan Jones.

Jack Heusted, Regional Director, OATS Mid-Missouri

Jack gave a brief overview of his professional life.

OATS celebrated 35 years of service in 2007. They started in Audrain, Callaway and Boone Counties. Today they work in 87 counties in Missouri. In 1983 they received funds from the Dept. of Transportation, which is when they started providing public transportation. They provide transportation to the elderly, disabled and public transportation (only in rural areas). Today's challenge is: Need to do a better job educating agencies and communities on what they can and cannot do. They need to redefine due to the cost on transportation. Jack stated one of the challenges is more and more workshops are providing their own transportation and utilizing OATS less.

Jack handed out a flyer on where OATS operates. For more information on OATS go to www.oatstransit.org.

Jack provided information on 211, which is a database that will be accessible 24/7 and will have information related to human services. Missouri Foundation for Health, United Way of St. Louis and others are funding the system. St. Louis and surrounding area will be first to go online with AT&T. Century Tel will go online next fall and it will cascade out through all the phone companies in the state. 211 will provide a point of contact for persons to call for information. Agencies will have a process for being able to update their information.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 am.

MACDSS Attendance**February 21, 2007**

<u>County</u>	<u>Name -----</u>
Audrain	Tim Crews
Buchanan	Lynn Wells
Callaway	Terry Weatherspoon
Camden	Pete Breting
Cole	Jim Casey
Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
DeKalb	Ron Crider
Franklin	Ronald Kruse
Gasconade	Susan Steinbeck
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jasper	Cindy Langford
Johnson	John Scherer
Lincoln	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
Marion	Cathy Arrowsmith
Moniteau/Pettis/Saline	Roger Garlich
Montgomery	Dan Cole
Osage	Jennie Ames
Phelps	Michael Speak
Platte	Janice Tilman
St Charles	John Thaelke
St Louis County	Joyce Prage
Taney	Max Lytle
CAB	Doris Boeckman
Alternative Comm. Trng	Mark Hassemer
Emmaus	Dennis Kramme
Woodhaven	Mark Palmer

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Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
DeKalb	Ron Crider
Franklin	Ronald Kruse
Gasconade	Susan Steinbeck
Greene	Jan Jones
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jasper	Alecia Nissen; Cindy Langford
Jefferson	Jennifer Wooldridge
Johnson	John Scherer
Lincoln	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
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