

MACDDS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 27, 2007

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

Introductions and Celebrations of Success:

Vicki McCarrell reported Cooper County Board received \$40,000 from United Way and \$11,280 for the NETH Project.

Jennie Ames – Osage County received a grant totaling \$600,000 for building their Ability Center.

Jen Nicols – First Call Staffing Solutions received first three year CARF accreditation.

Jake Jacobs - Jackson County displayed their new name and logo ETAS (Empowering Individuals through Advocacy)

Barb Searight - St Louis City – Change of name, dropping MR, now Office for Developmental Disability Resources

Deb Miller – Howard County announced AAIDD Workshop July 10th, in Fayette. Board approved a transition to employment grant for all three school districts in county. Endless Options will celebrate 25 years. Deb has applied for CARF surveyor.

Cathy Arrowsmith, Marion County received second three year CARF accreditation and an exemplary recognition for our emergency preparedness conference we are coordinating called 3 to Get Ready, it is a tri-state conference.

Minutes – Jem Duffin

Correction needed on the time allowed by DESE for rate increase. Minutes said 2 years and it should be 3. years. Marcus made motion to approve minutes as amended. Lynn Wells second, motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report – Pete Breting

Jake Jacobs made Motion to approve the May Treasurer’s report. Second by Max Lytle, motion passed unanimously approved

Executive Coordinator’s Report – Doris Boeckman

Distributed time accounting for MACDDS, EHAP and Conference. Grant for capacity building was filed. Strategic Plan was distributed with committee responsibilities, need to prioritize. Committees should include monthly reports which touch on the plan.

The July meeting will include a two hour session on the plan.

Agency Liaison Reports

Coalition – Ron Kruse – Phone conference summarized, three items discussed. 1) The Division would like recommendations on the budget i.e. retention, staff training, raises and College of Direct Support. 2) Accreditation, need to readdress, cost to providers is an issue. Division is surveying what it would take. 3) Future of coalition, suggested twice a year full member meetings. Legislative items were primary reason for coalition. MACDDS consensus is not having these meetings.

Supported Employment - No report. APSE conference is coming up. Lovie Oelklaus would like agencies providing supported employment to contact regarding a program for Warren County.

MO Planning Council – Vicki McCarrell – A grant of \$150,000 over a 3 year period, is available for linking housing with the developmentally disabled is available. The Employment and Transportation Committee held a summit June 15th over 100 attended, 25 different communities. Three grants of \$75,000 available.

Sheltered Workshops – Roger Garlich -. In addition to the increased per diem over three years, preference for bidding when workshops bid on state contracts increased from 5 to 10 percent.

Congress on Disability – Jenny Ames— Letter went out to all agencies regarding opinion on the Bellfountain situation. Next meeting July 25th in Columbia.

PIC Council—Main topic at last meeting was the building project at Bellfountain. Since they did have a quorum no vote was taken.

Committee Reports

Public Awareness – Doris Boeckman – Annual Report is in information collecting phase. 11 Surveys have been returned. Please respond on line, print it first. August will be full report. Suggested picking up highlights from previous minutes. Need “Cutting Edge Award” winners from 2006. Also need nominations.

Conference – Jim Casey – Bill Walsh will be Keynote Speaker. He will also give a pre-conference session. Doris reported things are on track. Committee will meet after this session. There are already 7 exhibitors. Advertisers promoted for the program. Totes and T Shirts have been selected. Lovie Oelklaus encouraged more participants, including vendors in tournament.

MHTF – Doris Boeckman. – EHAP funds from first quarter expended. Question of other grantees can be found on the MHTF website.

Legislative – defer to Sarah Topp next on agenda. Meeting July 10th at Gamble Office 10 to 12.

First Steps Workgroup – Ron Kruse – Defer to Joyce Jackman on the agenda tomorrow.

Missouri Foundation for Health—Roger Garlich – Doris wrote a grant for Medicaid Work Group to employ Jane Kruse and provide funds for bringing people from out of state to discuss best practices. Doris also mentioned two grants available one for basic support and the other is for capacity building services.

College of Direct Support – Roger Garlich – Update 860 learners enrolled from 22 pilot sites. Sixty to seventy have graduated, with certificates indicating areas in which they have been trained. Tomorrow there is a conference call to about developing a budget item for the legislature, to fully fund the program. Working with Work Force Development to include program.

Waiver Work Group—See Missouri Foundation for Health report.

Legislative Update - Sarah Topp

The House and Senate were often at odds regarding bills passed. The Economic Development Bill went to conference and the Senate rejected the conference report so the House went back to the original bill and passed it. There are tax credit programs that don't belong in an economic development bill. One program which does benefit disabled people in

a certain income bracket allows a credit for modification of the home up to \$2,500. Other bills passed of interest were HB 352 Sheltered Workshop per diem and preference percentage increase in state contracts. The Sprinkler bill HB952, only applies to facilities licensed by Health and Senior Services, with 20 or more beds. SB3 the Abuse Bill. SB112 removed the sunset on First Steps and provided pilot programs for changes in the program. SB22 requires itemized expenditures of SB40 Boards. And SB577 the Medicaid revision now called Healthnet. Peg Capo suggested the legislative committee meet this summer to discuss strategies for dealing with the changes in leadership in the legislature for next session.. (See Legislative Committee report)

Tec Chapman, Deputy Director, MRDD

Jeff Grovesnor, Deputy Director, MRDD

Robin Rust, Systems Transformation Grant, MRDD

Jeff stated that they are still waiting on the bill to be signed. It is expected to be signed today or tomorrow. Let the Division know if there are any issues that MACDDS wants to encourage the Division to advocate for. They have hired a replacement for Kay Green. She comes from Social Services and has some experience with waivers. Trying to add case management funding to increase additional case management services provided by the County Boards.

Tec announced that the service coordination manual has been sent to Trilogy and it should be up on the website soon. It will be web-based and easily searchable. It will also be linked to CSR's and other manuals related to the provision of TCM. Train the trainers has begun for the supports intensity scale. CARF and Council presentations have wrapped up across the state. The next step in the process of analyzing accreditation options will be survey readiness.

Robin discussed initiatives under the systems transformation grant (which is time-limited and ends in 2010). Positive behavioral supports training was discussed by Robin and the group. Roger suggested that the transformation grant could tie in with the College of Direct Support to utilize the same training locations.

Tec was asked about the state of the art facility to be built at Bellefontaine. The Division is currently waiting to see who submits a letter of interest. Tec was asked why the Division is building a new facility when the individuals could be placed in the community. Tec clarified that the Division is not building, but a private entity is. Jeff indicated that the state is not actually building, but will be leasing facilities from private entities.

The Division continues to work toward getting individuals into the community. The current average age of individuals residing in the habilitation centers is 55-60 and many of these individuals have been there most of their lives. Those individuals typically have guardians who are not comfortable with the individual living in the community.

There was a brief discussion on the ISL budget. There was a discussion regarding the QMRP workgroup

Open Discussion:

Wendy handed out DRAFT PIC minutes from June 11th and "Missouri's Money Follows the Person Demonstration" power point.

Vicki adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

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

Introductions and General Announcements

Max Lytle – Taney County Apartment project is now open

Jane Kruse, Boone County Family Resource Center, QMRP Discussion

Jane provided a handout documenting QMRP regulations and definitions. She explained there a transposition of numbers in the Waiver Manual regarding the federal regulation, it should be 42 CFR 483.430. The education requirement which indicates a bachelor's degree in human services field is not explicit. She suggests looking at the course work within the degree to determine hours related to sociology and/or psychology which can be interpreted as human services. She proceeded to walk us through the details of the presentation.

Joyce Jackman, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Coordinator of Early Intervention Services

DESE has been implementing audit recommendations and has added FTE and as of July 1, 2007 will employ five Area Directors rather than contracting for the First Steps Consultant services. DESE felt there was an important benefit to the program in adding these positions as employees. All positions except the St. Louis region are filled. They have advertised for the position and are completing second interviews.

DESE operates programs under IDEA for children from birth to age 21. Joyce reviewed the history of the First Steps program and the system redesign and subsequent changes made to the program in an effort to improve the program. Joyce discussed the need to make improvements for the provider system, particularly in the more rural areas of the state. DESE received a federal grant from the Department of Education in Washington and used the funding to bring Dr. Robin McWilliams from Vanderbilt University to conduct three two day workshops to provide profession development across the state and DESE paid the providers to attend the training. Joyce emphasized the difference between medical providers and early intervention providers in our state. Joyce is emphasizing that this is the “year of the provider” for the First Steps program.

Chris Brundin – MODOT

Chris is the 5310,5317,METAP program administrator. Good news the Governor Blunt signed the 2008 Budget yesterday. METAP will sign today or tomorrow. The money amount previously indicated will be the same. Section 5310 deadline for applications is July 2nd, she will accept partial applications. You must make an effort to publish your public notice or a publisher's affidavit. Regional planning commissions are just signing their contracts with MODOT. Last year's replacement or expansion applications will be coming but not sure when. Repair and replacement form can be used for almost any repair, so that MODOT can help keep you the road. Those that have had a two year wait could get both requests at the same time. Section 5317 the New Freedom Fund statewide only \$437,000. MODOT is not certain what can be funded at this time, they would like to keep it capital

projects. They can fund operating if you are creative. If interested send me an email and call her and she will get an application to you as soon as they are available. METAP keep track of your trips so they can build a case for the money needed. Call her if you have questions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>
Buchanan	Lynn Wells
Callaway	Terry Weatherspoon
Camden	Pete Breting
Cole	Jim Casey
Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
Franklin	Ronald Kruse
Gasconade	Susan Steinbeck
Greene	Jan Jones
Howard	Debra Miller
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jackson	Jake Jacobs
Jasper	Alecia Nissen
Jefferson	Bill Knittig
Lafayette	Marcus Whitlock
Macon	Wendy Hayes
Marion	Cathy Arrowsmith
Moniteau, Pettis, Saline	Roger Garlich
Montgomery	Daniel Cole
Osage	Jenny Ames
Pike	Betsy Barnes
Platte	Janice Tilman
Ray	Bob Bond
St Charles	Robyn Peyton.
St Genevieve	Janet Hermann
St Louis City	Barbara Sea right
St Louis County	Joyce Prage
Taney	Max Lytle
Warren	Lovie Oelklaus
CAB	Doris Boeckman
First Call Staffing Solutions	Jen Nicols
Wood Haven	Cindy Bush

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Taney	Max Lytle
Warren	Lovie Oelklaus
Community Support Services	Jhan Hurn
Learning Opportunities	M Johns
First Call Staffing	Jen Nicols