

MACDDS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday May 23, 2007

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

Introductions and Celebrations of Success:

Barbara Searight announced that St. Louis City obtained a HUD grant for a homeless shelter for individuals with MR/DD and co-occurring diagnoses.

Minutes – Jem Duffin

Alecia made the motion to approve minutes of the April meeting as distributed. Jake Jacobs second, motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report – Pete Breting

Revised budget includes EHAP income and expenditures. Motion to Approve by Marcus Whitlock. Second by Alecia Nissen. Revised budget approved unanimously.

Lovie Oeklaus made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's report. Lynn Wells seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Coordinator's Report – Doris Boeckman

CABLLC has time accounting system up and functioning. Doris distributed her report with the breakdown of hours to the membership. Doris will be forwarding the conference website link to Mary Sullivan-Thomas to be posted on the MACDDS website. The conference committee will meet tonight and complete recommendations so the website can go to MAC online. Website work is all conference related. Mary stated that the site needs to be Bobby approved for accessibility and there is no charge for doing this.

Agency Liaison Reports

Coalition – Peg Capo – Vicki McCarrell reported that it is MACDDS's turn to provide the spokesperson and secretary for the coalition. It was suggested that Cathy Arrowsmith may want to be the MACDDS representative. Vicki will contact Cathy in this regard.

Supported Employment—No report. APSE conference is coming up.

MO Planning Council – Vicki McCarrell reported that the council met last week. The planning council is doing a messaging campaign. \$72,550 for a public awareness messaging campaign. There will be six bulletin boards around the state, 500 each of five posters, The Sunday edition of 4 major newspapers will have quarter page ads, also radio spots. They have set up a committee called ONE Missouri which is a coalition of agencies to promote self-advocacy. Vicki has a copy of the letter that came from the Department of Justice to the Missouri Department of Mental Health regarding Bellefontaine.

Sheltered Workshops –Per Diem increase from \$13 per day to \$18 per day over the next two years. This will be subject to appropriation. This year workshops will get \$15/day.

Congress on Disability – Jenny Ames—Met in Columbia. Appointed a new director.

Committee Reports

Public Awareness – Jennifer Wooldridge -Format and color has been selected for the annual report. There is a link on the MACDDS website to complete survey information.

Conference – Jim Casey-Meeting tonight. Four exhibit tables have been sold. Will discuss presenters.

MHTF – Doris Boeckman - The money is going fast. Completing the paperwork for the second installment. Doris provided handout detailing expenditures for April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Missouri Foundation for Health—Doris Boeckman - Found two projects for which MACDDS may want to apply for grants. MACDDS is not eligible for the basic support grant. Capacity building grant has just published. It is for \$35,000. Due May 31st. Could be used for the technical assistance manual. The committee agreed to write a grant to bring consultants from other states to get information about Medicaid and Medicaid waivers. In the fall the committee will reapply for the grant for the technical assistance manual.

Recommendation 24 Committee—Jennifer Wooldridge - The committee has officially completed its scope of work and is no longer meeting. This is the last report.

Jim Lowery, Cole County Human Resources—

Discussion related to exempt status of case managers from Fair Labor standards. Jim provided a handout with the definition of exemptions. Executive, administrative, computer or outside sales, and professional are the four categories of exemption. Jim handed out an opinion letter stating that case managers do not qualify for administrative exemption and must be paid in compliance with the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the FLSA. Whether case managers qualify for the professional exemption is the remaining question. Hourly deductions indicate hourly wages. Sick leave and vacation time used daily is not an issue when examining exempt status. Jim provided the membership with a number of handouts related to personnel policy and regulation. FMLA and sick leave are different things. FMLA can run concurrently with the absence so the leave and the FMLA start at the beginning. FMLA applies to only employers with 50 or more employees.

Bernie Simons, Director, MRDD

Tec Chapman, Deputy Director, MRDD

Jeff Grovesnor, Deputy Director, MRDD

Jeff distributed information regarding the proposed distribution of case management positions. Bernie will have a final decision on the distribution to the MACDDS group by June 1. Bernie discussed how to take the money from PS at the Division and move it into the counties that are doing case management. So, if the Division loses a case manager and offers the position to the County Board, then the Division also loses monies generated by that Case Manager to purchase services for individuals. DMH needs a commitment from County Boards to put money into services if they are going to accept a case management position through Regional Center attrition. Bernie wants to proceed with moving the case management function from the Regional Center. Jeff will be adding a statement in the TCM funding agreement to clarify that any additional monies generated by the new case management positions or by positions shifted through attrition, will be used for services. The Division will be using GR to draw down the federal match on Case Management. Bernie provided a sample agreement for Targeted Case Management General Revenue Funding. Bernie provided handouts with the Residential and non-residential waiting lists by Regional Center and UR Score and by County and UR Score. Bernie stated that the Task Force Recommendations are to investigate accreditation and this is what the Division will do. They have already had the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL) come in and do some education around the state about what they do. Bernie wants to increase the quality of life of people and decrease the number of abuse/neglect allegations. Smaller providers are indicating to the Division that they feel there is a “conspiracy” for the larger agencies to take over since the smaller agencies who cannot afford accreditation. The Division will be structuring a provider relations group. The Division will have a face to face on an annual basis with each agency. There should be an improvement plan on every agency for what they are going to work on over the next year. This will be a provider friendly system which functions differently than QA. Face to Face encourages partnerships. Bernie posed the question “What can we [the Division] do within our own infrastructure to improve?”

Bernie wants to redesign the quality assurance system for MR/DD. Bernie stated that the Division wants to be more provider friendly and will be open to using the forms and reports already used by an agency rather than making new forms for an agency to have to use. People who have dual eligibility for Medicare Part D and Medicaid to choose what option will best meet their needs. Bernie stated that the Division pulled a list today and sent it to the case managers.

Jeff stated that there will be a survey coming out the first week in June which will go out to providers, etc. Bernie stated that the systems transformation grant (not the Division’s System Transformation Grant) is looking at provider shortages state-wide. They are trying to put together a directory to tell consumers who is available and where they are available.

Scott Adams, Special Needs Planning Center

Father of three Children with Special Needs. Not part of Met-Life. Part of Met-Desk for a while, but no longer. They wanted to continue their work with a parent focus. They do pro-bono work. Focus is on trusts, estate planning for individuals with special needs. Offer workshops for families if there are at least 25 families in attendance. They will get the families to the point of being ready to go to a lawyer and they will direct the family to a law firm which has passed their due diligence and have agreed to reduce fees.

Vicki adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

MACDDS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday May 24, 2007

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

Introductions

General Announcements

Discussion regarding leadership of the Coalition which is a MACDDS responsibility this year. The responsibilities include being the Chair and the Secretary. Ron Kruse will Chair the Coalition. Vicki will take the minutes and send them out.

Discussed planning for MACDDS officers focusing farther into the future than the current model of year to year planning.

Sarah Topp, Legislative Update

Sarah will email a list of the bills which were truly agreed to and finally passed to the membership. The Medicaid bill was passed. The session ended last Friday. In General the Democrats did not want to pass the Medicaid bill because they felt that it did not restore enough of the cuts that had been made. Compromises were made and the bill was passed, although the compromises were related to issues outside of Medicaid such as English as the official language. Discussion ensued about the limited knowledge and understanding of the new Medicaid bill and how it will impact the population served by MACDDS. Suggested asking Keith Schaeffer to present information at the June meeting to increase understanding of the bill and its impact on the MR/DD community. Also suggested Sidney Watson to do her presentation at the June meeting, which reflects a different point of view on the Bill. Health Net did not include an emergency clause so it is expected to be implemented January 1, 2008. There is a new tax credit available for individuals with disabilities. The "sprinkler" bill passed, but applies only to facilities with more than 20 residents. Most of the bills that are truly agreed to and finally passed are available on the internet. 2% Cola. The Governor still has veto power and in his first year he essentially vetoed anything that was not his recommendation. Currently the COLA and the appropriation for waiting list services are included in the bill, but the Governor did not recommend them. Sarah believes that it is unlikely that he will veto since he is working much more closely with the legislature this year.

Changes are impending in the leadership of the legislature. The suggestion to have the legislative committee work with Sarah to determine a strategy for the coming year was made. The legislative committee would like to meet with Sarah in July.

Ginger King Lutkemeyer, Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Discussed the Blue Ribbon panel. There are a number of initiatives at the Federal level as well as the state level aimed at combating autism. Email: gkingl@earthlink.net.

Kay Archer, United Way 211

Kay is the parent of a child with autism. The 211 service provides information about services and connects people to services. The National 211 organization just celebrated its ten year anniversary. 211 has been in Kansas City for about a year. It was determined that it would take \$1,000,000 to get the system operational throughout the state then \$1.5 Million per year thereafter to keep the system up and running. Funding has been obtained for five years. In Missouri 211 must be available 24 hours per day, must be multi-lingual, must have staff that are certified in information and referral, answering machines are not allowed. Some complicated issues include the fact that portions of the state have never had a telephone based information and referral service and there are 38 telephone carriers in Missouri. Universal coverage in Missouri will be completed in 2008. Kay would like to collaborate

with SB 40's to assist in making the database complete, particularly for services in the more rural areas. A public access website will also be made available. Kay is working with DMH to share information on the Network of Care. AT&T will go online this summer, then Century-Tel in the fall, then the small phone carriers will be brought online. They will not be pushing public awareness until the entire state is online. There is no fee charged to the caller. Kay will be contacting Mary Sullivan-Thomas to get the MACDDS list serve and will email more information to the membership.

Wrap-Up

Discussion around Case Management funding included in the MR/DD Division budget. This will be an agenda item for the June meeting.

Peg Capo announced the 30th anniversary for their Board.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:38 a.m.

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County-----	Name-----
Audrain	Tim Crews
Boone	Les Wagner
Buchanan	Lynn Wells
Callaway	Terry Weatherspoon
Camden	Pete Breting
Cass	Peggy Kutchbacl
Cole	Jim Casey
Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
Franklin	Ron Kruse
Gasconade	Susan Steinbeck
Greene	Jan Jones
Howard	Debra Miller
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jackson	Jake Jacobs
Jasper	Alecia Nissen
Jefferson	Jennifer Wooldridge
Lafayette	Marcus Whitlock
Lincoln	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
Macon	Wendy Hays
Montgomery	Daniel Cole
Osage	Jennie Ames
Phelps	Michael Speak
Pike	Wendy McLaughlin
Platte	Janice Tilman
Ray	Bob Bond
St Charles	Peg Capo
St Francois	Irvine Rudasill
St Genevieve	Janet Herman
St Louis City	Barbara Searight
Taney	Max Lytle
Warren	Lovie Oelklaus
CAB	Doris Boeckman
Alternative Comm.Trng	Mark Hassemer
Woodhaven	Cindy Bush
First Call Staffing	Jen Nicols
Jasper Co.	Cindy Langford

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Callaway	Terry Weatherspoon
Camden	Pete Breting
Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
Franklin	Ronald Kruse
Greene	Jan Jones
Howard	Debra Miller
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jefferson	Jennifer Wooldridge
Lafayette	Marcus Whitlock
Lincoln	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
Macon	Wendy Hays
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