

**MACDDS Minutes**  
**Wednesday March 22, 2006**

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Announcements/Celebrations of Success:**

- Jim C. reported that the House of Representatives have recommended cutting birth control pills out of Medicaid.

**Minutes:** Alecia moved and Jem seconded a motion to approve the February minutes as posted on the MACDDS website. Motion passed.

**Finance Report:** The February treasurer's report was reviewed. Vicki moved and Jake seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Agency Liaison Reports:**

\*MARF- (M. Whitlock) meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*MO ANCOR- (T. Weatherspoon) no report

\*COALITION- (P. Capo) there was a conference call last week. They are in the process of prioritizing a list from the three groups. Next quarterly meeting is in May.

\*SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT- (W. Hays) no report

\*MO PLANNING COUNCIL- (V. McCarrell) meeting tomorrow afternoon in Columbia. Region 5 has voted to disband.

\*SHELTERED WORKSHOP MANAGERS- (R. Garlich) discussed the two pieces of legislation regarding workshops. At this time it seems there is not opposition.

\*PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE COUNCIL- (W. Hays/R. Garlich) no report.

\*CONGRESS ON DISABILITY- (J. Ames) March 29<sup>th</sup> is their disability rally.

**Committee Reports:**

\***Finance** (C. Arrowsmith) no report

\***Public Awareness** (W. Hays) met last month. At the meeting they reviewed their survey. This survey will soon be available to all members.

**\*Conference** (B. Barnes/ C. Arrowsmith) Marcus reported Call for Papers went out two weeks ago.

**\*MAC Online** (M. Sullivan-Thomas) no report

**\*Missouri Housing Trust Fund** (D. Boeckman) There was a meeting this morning especially for new members. There is still money available for this years grant (about \$19,000).

**\*Legislative** (P. Capo) Disabled Employee Medical Aid made it through the house and it is at the Senate. Peg felt that individuals had done a good job at informing their legislators after cuts were implemented last year. This has made it better since legislators are reinstating some of the funding. Peg discussed the Mental Health budget (about a 7% cola for direct care). Peg reported on SB949 (Dental Carve-Out Act of 2006), to establish and implement dental assistance. HJR 48 (the TABOR bill) was briefly discussed. There was a discussion regarding not having another Legislative Day at the Capital this legislative year. Next year we should look at having it in January and February.

**\*Resource Development** (J. Casey) no report

**\*Regulations/ Standards** (J. Tilman) “members only” section of [www.macdds.org](http://www.macdds.org) has a technical assistance area on our website. Janice stated the committee is updating the technical assistance manual and will have it on our website as segments of the manual are updated.

**\*CARF** (R. Kruse) no report

**\*First Steps** (R. Kruse) will know more for the April meeting

**\*Insurance** (R. Garlich) discussed Workman’s Compensation pool, which would require we have one million dollars of premium and a minimum of 10 participating members. Roger discussed what was needed to form the VEBA for a self insured plan. Roger gave a brief background on a self insured plan. The committee will send out a contract/survey if individuals would like to participate in this plan. The start date for the plan will be January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*MO Foundation for Health** (D. Boeckman) discussed some grant opportunities. The Foundation’s primary focus relates to access to health care. See [www.mffh.org](http://www.mffh.org) for more information. Ron K. talked about partnering with MO Foundation for Health to join resources to meet gaps in services. There was a brief discussion regarding therapy mileage reimbursement for First Steps.

Doris also reported that Missouri Transportation Conference will be April 21<sup>st</sup> in KC at Pioneer Community College Auditorium.

**\*College of Direct Support** (R. Garlich) reported on the steering committee. Wayne Crawford has resigned as the state wide coordinator. Hoping the curriculum will be approved on April 1<sup>st</sup>. “Attachment #1 A Working Agreement for the Training and Certification of Direct Support Workers in Missouri” was handed out.

**\*Prevention Workgroup** (R. Kruse) no report.

**Tim Gaines, VR/Roger Bauer, Dept. of Economic Development**

Tim gave a brief overview of Vocation Rehabilitation and its three branches.

Important Facts:

- \*There are 657 employees with VR with 24 VR offices.
- \*Tim reported that every county in Missouri receives services from VR.
- \*Last year there was a drop in employment outcomes.
- \*There are 26,000 cases opened in 2006.
- \*Supported Employment-3000 clients received these services last year.
- \*Individuals with Mental Illness are the largest increase in people served.
- \*7 out of 10 individuals are achieving successful employment.
- \*Over 60% of individuals served by VR are also served by DMH.
- \*About 25% of their clients who are successfully employed receive Social Security.
- \*Total budget is 44 million dollars. 22% of their budget is spent on supported employment services.

Order of Selection (waiting lists): Tim reviewed the three categories on the Order of Selection. Waiting list was 4000 individuals in 2004. There are currently 1,460 persons on waiting lists. When an individual is on a waiting list they are referred to Missouri Career Center. Category I is the most significantly disabled and there is no waiting list in this category. Demographics: only 5% on the waiting list are individuals with developmental disabilities.

Roger handed out a portion of their annual report. See [www.ded.mo.gov](http://www.ded.mo.gov) for complete annual report. He reported on Workforce Development Career Center. He reviewed Table C: Outcomes for Adult Special Populations and Table F: Outcomes Information for the Dislocated Worker Program. Roger talked about focusing on the skills that people have instead of the disability. Roger handed out “Assistive Technology Survey” which is completed at the Career Centers. He discussed some of the concerns at the Centers and how they are rectifying them. Roger reviewed some dates for Communication Breakdown (TTY) training in different parts of the State. Roger handed out “Great Hires.org” brochure.

There was a brief discussion regarding financial guidelines. If a person receives Social Security Income, there are no financial guidelines.

**Break**

### **Kent Stalder & Jeff Grosvenor, MRDD**

Jeff gave a review of the state budget.

- \*The Department supplemental is \$26.9 million which is \$22 million for MR/DD.
- \*07 budget-employee raises for state employees are 4% across the board (plus 8.5% for nursing). At this time, there is a proposed 6.8% provider increase.

Jeff reported:

- \*MR/DD is currently paying for utilization review scores between 10 and 12.
- \*Medicaid funds will be tracked differently than POS next year to get a “better handle” on how Medicaid funds are being spent.

Kent reported on the College of Direct Support. He reported on Wayne’s resignation and requested if anyone is interested in applying, to follow up with Kent.

Kent reported that United Cerebral Palsy came out with an article rating state services. In the article, Missouri came out 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Overall MO received a grade of a B. This report can be found on [www.ucp.com](http://www.ucp.com).

System Transformation Grant steering committee met yesterday. Once the document they developed is complete, it will be on the DMH website. It will be in final form by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dental Services-Kay Green is developing a list of dentist/dental services to be provided to providers.

Jeff reported on Provider Monitoring. He stated that Central Office will be supporting regional centers as they monitor providers regarding billing/services. Jeff states that this is to also be a support to providers and is not used as a method of gigging a provider.

Jeff briefly discussed the new TCM agreement/match money.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**MACDDS Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2006**

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**Announcements/Celebrations of Success:**

Bob Bonds reported that Ray County will soon be providing service coordination.

**Robin Rust, MRDD** System Transformation Initiative

Robin reported that the Department has received the Real Choice Systems Transformation Grant for 2.97 million in total grant money. This grant money is to be used to move individuals out of the habilitation centers to the community. Robin handed out a Power Point presentation developed by the Department, steering committee and workgroups. She reported on the parameters/goals that were designated by CMS for this grant, which the Department picked 3 out of the 6 goals.

Goal 1: Rebalance the long-term community support system through facilitating the transition of individuals from state operated institutions to community services and supports.

Goal 2: Develop an integrated quality management system that includes improved measures of outcomes for both consumers and providers.

Goal 3: Develop advanced information technology systems that fully integrate quality management databases and provide ready access to information and resources.

Robin explained the timelines that were used by the steering committee and workgroups. She also reported that the next objective was to develop what each goal would look like in 5 years, the measurable objective/s of each goal and finally, a very detailed list of action steps that will be completed after 1 year.

Toward the end of April, the Department will be turning in a final plan to CMS.

There was a discussion regarding if it would be possible for some of the grant money to provide a financial incentive to staff that participate in the College of Direct Support. Robin stated she would research the idea.

On the main MR/DD web site, look for System Transformation Initiative for more information on this grant.

**Open Discussion**

There was a discussion regarding DMH Directives that impacted MACDDS members. Some of the Directives allowed for a very short public comment timeline. Roger G. made the motion for Jim Casey to send a letter to the Division of MR/DD regarding its Directives that impact TCM, needing to allow for County Based Case Management to be consulted before it becomes a Directive. Ron K. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **Break**

### **Kerri McBee, TABOR Outreach, Missouri Budget Project**

Kerri gave a brief overview of her position with the Missouri Budget Project. She showed a video on the impact of TABOR in Colorado which implemented TABOR in 1992. She reported that in November of 2005, Colorado implemented a moratorium on TABOR due to the concerns of the impact on its citizens.

Kerri handed out “Quacks Like a Duck: Missouri’s HJR 48 is Colorado’s TABOR”, “Missouri Voters Beware: Tabor Is Not What Missouri Needs”, “Partners to Protect Missouri’s Future-Endorsement Form”, and “Partners to Protect Missouri’s Future-As of March 17<sup>th</sup> 2006”.

Kerri reported that TABOR is what is known as a TEL (tax and spending lid). Currently, Missouri’s TEL is referred to as Hancock. HJR 48 is more restrictive than Hancock. Under HJR 48, appropriations will be based on the annual rate of inflation and the annual Missouri’s population growth. Kerri discussed the concerns regarding this formula.

HJR 48 (sponsored by Representative Bearden), Hearing has not been scheduled for this bill as of yet. They could hear this bill as early as next Wed.

Kerri talked about how much of Missouri’s budget would have been cut if this passed last year. See [www.mobudget.org](http://www.mobudget.org) for more information regarding this bill.

### **SB40 Share and Tell**

Vicki McCarrell showed two DVDs. The first one was from “Widbin’s Way” on Unlimited Opportunities/Supported Employment. The second DVD was an educational tool used to inform/educate parents and groups on Moebius Syndrome. Vicki was not only the narrator of the DVD but she and her son were also highlighted.

### **Open Discussion**

Max L. made the motion for Jim C. to sign the agreement with Gamble and Associates for legislative consulting; Ron K. seconded; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.