

MACDDS Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2005
Hampton Inn, Jefferson City

President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 1:15.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Osage-Jennie Ames reported they received a United Way grant to repair AC in van.
Cooper-Vicki McCarrell reported they received a \$50,000 DNR grant for a new vehicle.

Minutes:

Terry Weatherspoon made the motion to accept March's meeting minutes; Lynn Wells seconded; motion passed.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to clarification of the minutes focusing on the reduction of Supportive Employment and Order of Selection.

Alecia Nissen made the motion that Marcus write to Vocation Rehabilitation and request that someone be present at MACDDS meetings; Max Lytle seconded; motion passed.

Finance Report:

After a brief discussion with regard to conference budget and discussion on MOSNIP, the financial reports were tabled.

A discussion ensued with regard to recruiting new MACDDS members. In the future, any new Senate Bill 40 counties will receive a letter from the President of MACDDS inviting them to attend our meetings. There was clarification with regard to one year free membership to new SB40 counties as opposed to new MACDDS members.

Lynn Wells made the motion to purchase the photo CD of the 25th Anniversary of MACDDS reception for \$200; Max Lytle seconded; motion passed.

Agency Liaison Report:

*MARF- (M. Whitlock) no report

*MO ANCOR- (B. Barnes) Reported on MO ANCOR's discussion on MAWD. There was a brief discussion on the list that MO ANCOR sent to Tony Casey with regard to DMH saving money.

*Coalition- (P. Capo) There was a discussion with regard to spend-down.

*Supported Employment- (W. Hays) no report

*MO Planning Council- (V. McCarrell) Discussed target grants that have been requested and from where.

*Sheltered Workshop Managers- Brief discussion with regard to day programs at Sheltered Workshops. Discussed new potential rate increases at workshops. Discussions were tabled until tomorrow when Larry Young would be present.

*Personal Independence Council- (W. Hays/R. Garlich) no report

*Congress on Disability- (J. Ames) Day at the Capital was successful. Next meeting is July 8th.

Committee Reports:

*Finance (J Wooldridge) Received \$2,000 back from Ken Steiner for the 2004 conference.

*Public Awareness (W. Hays) meeting this morning. A survey will be sent out soon to members. The survey will focus on financial information and satisfaction. The committee finalized recruitment brochure. They will be looking to revise MACDD brochure.

*Conference (V. McCarrell/D. Cole) Most speakers have been finalized. MACDDS Charging Ahead is the conference theme. There was a discussion with regard to increasing conference fees. The committee is still working on the budget for the conference. There was a brief discussion with regard to current Steiner contract. Dan and Vicki will meet with CAB to discuss current contract/expectation.

*MAC Online (M. Sullivan-Thomas) New MACDDS members and contacts need to be sent to Mary for her to add to the web site. Cass and Jackson are the two new member counties. There are currently 39 member counties and 12 RPOs.

<Greg Kramer reported on HB10 (increase in ISLs and Group Homes rates-not sure about day habilitation). Discussed provider tax (HB952) which would generate funds for personal care. There was also a brief discussed habilitation centers>

*Missouri Housing Trust Fund (D. Boeckman) Doris passed out a packet of information to applicable members. There are no county allocations included at this time.

*Legislative (P. Capo) Greg Kramer reported on bills that have passed the House and Senate. Marcus reported that on May 20th MACDDS and other groups have been asked to testify before Missouri State Government Review Commission with regard to recommendations for restructuring and retooling state government. Peg Capo and/or Roger Garlich will be asked to testify on our behalf at Department of Mental Health's segment of the Commission. Talking points will be posted on our webpage. Mary Sullivan Thomas made the motion for Ron Kruse to speak on behalf of MACDDS at DESE's portion of the Commission; Lynn Wells seconded; motion passed.

*Resource Development (J. Casey) Jim handed out "FY 2005 SuperNOFA" and "The Missouri Foundation for Health" grant information. Jim discussed a HUD grant for transition of multifamily living with regard to accessibility.

*Assessment (M. Whitlock) no report

*Issues Planning and Action (A. Nissen) no report

*Embracing Partnerships (P. Capo) no report

*Regulation Standards (J. Tilman) no report

*CARF (R. Kruse) no report

*First Steps Workgroup (R. Kruse) reported on his testifying and the language of SB 500.

*Insurance (D. Boeckman) Have met with the attorney and Naught-Naught. Next meeting will be next month which will include members and RPOs. An insurance group will be present to help answer questions.

Janice Tilman reported on her visit today at the capital.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15.

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President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 9:05.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Roger Garlich announced that their agency is celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Sheltered Workshops), Larry Young

Larry informed members that sheltered workshop withholds have been released for the current budget. There is a possibility of a shortfall next year.

SB173 (increased rates at workshops) looks like it will pass. Increase would take affect July 06.

Discussed HB 326 which changes the bidding preference bonus points for products manufactured by the sheltered workshops.

Members discussed with Larry how spend-down could affect sheltered workshop.

Larry discussed the aging population of individuals at workshops. He discussed a retirement day program housed out of the workshops. There would need to be a statute change if a retirement program could be added to a workshop. Larry felt the advantages of this type of retirement program would be the individual would be able to stay at the building they are comfortable in. There was a discussion with regard to other options for individuals who are retiring from the workshops.

Larry talked about an Audrain County pilot program with the Dept. of Conservation working on cleanup and maintenance at State Parks.

Larry reported on recycling and thrift store ideas some workshops are starting.

To contact Larry: larry.young@dese.mo.gov

Break

General Discussion:

As a follow up from yesterday's discussion, Marcus mentioned the request for testifying in front of Missouri State Government Review Commission, which is a group of 20 appointees from Governor Blunt. Roger would be willing to testify on behalf of MACDDS on the DMH part of the Commission. Wendy Hays will focus on Vocational Rehabilitation and Ron will focus on First Steps. Talking points will be placed on our website. The Commission will be meeting on May 20th at the Capital.

Marcus reviewed the MACDDS Committee list and the need for Chairs and Co-Chairs for each Committee. He discussed the importance of communication within Committees and Committees with the full membership.

Division of MR/DD, Tony Casey and Jeff Grosvenor

Jeff gave an overview on the budget. House and Senate hope to get the budget approved by tomorrow. He discussed potential increase in provider rates for ISLs, group homes and day habilitation. Jeff discussed HB 952 (provider tax).

Current budget: Regional Centers are being reduced by about \$600,000 on the Senate side but the House has no reductions. There continues to be reductions at habilitation centers.

Brief discuss on Bellefontaine possible closure. There have been many capital improvements at the Bellefontaine campus which is creating confusion on the potential closure. These were previous contracted jobs that must progress.

Tony discussed supports needed from MACDDS members. He is also welcoming comments to the 07 budget priorities.

There was a brief discussion from the members of current eligibility criteria.

Tony handed out an email from Dorn Schuffman "Subject: Announcement". Dorn is restructuring Central Office due to core cuts. This email list three changes consolidating positions.

Ron discussed some First Steps issues with Tony. The discussion focused on a partnership with DMH with regard to First Steps.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.