

MACDDS Minutes
Wednesday, May 25, 2005
Ramada Inn, Jefferson City

President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 1:20.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Marcus introduced Dorothy Parks and Lyman Trachsler from Vocational Rehabilitation. Lyman and Dorothy explained their role at VR. Lyman discussed their programs working with the “severally disabled” (priority I). He discussed the importance of working in partnership with the community providers. Before individuals utilized Vocational Rehabilitation services, their average weekly salary was \$81. After going through the VR program, the average weekly salary was \$204.

Dorothy and/or Lyman will be coming to MACDDS meetings in the future.

Lyman handed out the “VR Order of Selection Questions & Answers”.

There was a brief discussion with regard to MAWD and possible affects to VR consumers.

Marcus reported that the 2002 and 2003 MACDDS audit was completed. The Executive Committee will review the audit this evening.

Minutes:

Lynn Wells made the motion to accept April’s meeting minutes; Jennie Ames seconded; motion passed.

Finance Report:

Daniel Cole made the motion to accept all financials (Jan-March revised and April) as presented; Jem Duffin seconded; motion passed

Agency Liaison Report:

*MARF-(M. Whitlock) Scott Shepard and Wendy Buehler reported that there was a planning session last week. Russell Dumas resigned as the consultant.

*MO ANCOR- (B. Barnes) Gene Barns reported on his testimony at the Missouri State Government Review Commission.

*Coalition-(P. Capó) Met this morning. She discussed the coalition becoming something different than what already exists. The Coalition is working on creating a mission statement. They want to look at more national issues and see what other States are doing. The Coalition will be meeting next month with the goal of having a mission statement drafted for each group to review. The Coalition wants to focus on measurable goals.

*Supported Employment- (W. Hays) APSI conference is in August. Wendy reported on her Review Commission testimony.

- *MO Planning Council- (V. McCarrell) reported that five of the Regional Advisory Councils applied for the MO Planning Council's grants. Four of the five were approved. Vickie also reported on an employment committee she serves on through the Council.
- *Sheltered Workshop Managers- (R. Garlich) No report directed toward sheltered workshops, but reported on College of Direct Support. Many States are currently using these credentials for direct support workers. Roger reported that Tony Casey is interested in looking at this information. To find more information, go to www.collegeofdirectsupport.com. Cost about \$168 for 11 courses. Mary Sullivan Thomas made the motion for Roger Garlich to represent MACDDS at a committee meeting to review "the college of direct support"; Vicki McCarrell seconded; motion passed.
- *Personal Independence Council- (W. Hays/R. Garlich) No Report
- *Congress on Disability- (J. Ames) Next meeting will be July the 8th.

Committee Reports:

- *Finance (J Wooldridge) no report.
- *Public Awareness (W. Hays) reported on the survey for the annual report.
- *Conference (V. McCarrell/D. Cole) Theme of conference "MACDDS-Charging Ahead". Vicki reported on this morning's meeting. Possible conference cover sheets were passed out. Vicki discussed amendments to Ken Steiner's contract. Individuals who were responsible for speakers need to get the bio. statements to Dan Cole as soon as possible.
- *MAC Online (M. Sullivan-Thomas) No new report. Jim Casey will be sending agendas out to RPOs and Affiliates.
- *Missouri Housing Trust Fund (D. Boeckman) we have received the first installment of this years grant.
- *Legislative (P. Capo) requested time during the June meeting to discuss next year's legislative issues.
- *Resource Development (J. Casey) No report
- *Assessment (M. Whitlock) No report
- *Issues Planning and Action (A. Nissen) No report
- *Regulation Standards (J. Tilman) No Report
- *CARF (R. Kruse) No Report
- *First Steps Workgroup (R. Kruse) reported on his testimony at the Review Commission.
- *Insurance (D. Boeckman) had a meeting this morning. The committee is still waiting on data from the potential participants. Hope to have rate quotes by the June MACDDS meeting.

Break

Division of MR/DD (ISL Budget) Kay Green & Jeff Grosvenor

- *Kay reported on restrictions on the Room and Board side of the budget: Limited by individual's resources and benefits.

*Maximum rate on Room and Board: There is no set maximum on room and board-it can not exceed individual's ability to pay.

*Why is there a cap on res. habilitation? In 1990 these were the rates established. The rates are only increased if there are significant medical/behavioral issues. Providers can pay the 40% match to increase the rates.

*Definition of community specialist and community skills trainer. Definition is in the Waiver Manual. Kay handed out "13.17 Individualized Supported Living (Comprehensive Waiver Only)" of the Waiver Manual.

*Kay reported that a provider can not increase the rate for relief staff (overtime costs). Some training cost can be added in some circumstances (specialized/unique training).

*Some regions allow \$200 case coordination fee and \$500 (15%) administration fee while some regions do not: Kay responded that overall, this has been fixed so there is more consistency across the State.

*Caps applying to State operated ISLs? Kay reported that the community providers will receive the same rates as the State operated ISL (excluding fringe benefits) for those served.

*How should providers account for the Community Specialist and Community Integration Skills Trainer time? Kay reported that each provider will need to devise their own method of recording this data.

*Mileage reimbursement is now at 34 cents per mile.

*Can off-site habilitation group be on an ISL budget? –NO

*How do you bill ISL if someone has been hospitalized? There is a leave day adjustment calculation.

Kay briefly discussed waiver slot limits.

A discussion ensued with regard to adjusting caps and unit rates. Jeff reported that if there are no additional funds added to DMH, they will not be able to increase unit rates.

Governor Blunt's First Steps Liaison, Mary Beth Luna

Mary presented on First Steps. She thanked individuals who helped with revising the bill language. For the first time, First Steps has been added to the statutes. It also included what the SICC will do. The statute specifies that a lead agency (DESI) will regulate First Steps.

Mary discussed monitoring the expenditures of First Steps in the new bill (Senate Bill 500). SPOES will now receive data on what is being spent each month per child. Added assurances-makes sure providers were providing the service needed; there will be oversight of the providers in the area; the IFSP will be family friendly, training parents on the needed services; utilize alternative funding sources from reputable providers; assistive technology will be more involved in the process; DESI must make the payment so there is no delay in service; deductibles and co-pays will be paid by the State; sliding scale for cost of service (sliding fees will be \$5-\$100 per month per family); in two years the General Assembly will review the cost savings due to these changes.

A discussion ensued with regard to what happens from here and SB 40 participation. Mary reviewed Phase Two of the SPOE bidding process. She also discussed the possibility of adding a member of MACDDS to the SICC.

Mary Beth Luna gave a brief background of her job experiences.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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Thursday, May 26, 2005
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President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Susan Pritchard Green reported that grant money not used at Regional Advisory Councils will go to transitioning individuals out of habilitation centers. She also discussed smaller competitive grant opportunities through the MO Planning Council.

Les Wagner made the announcement that Mike Kelsey has retired and Boone County is seeking a Director of Supported Living.

Grant Opportunities, Jane Kruse

Jane handed out her power point presentation "Funding Opportunities CDBG and Home Funds".

Jane discussed some of the grants that Boone County has applied for. They have received \$305,000 in grants in the last 5 grants. They are currently working on an adaptive park using a community development block grant and applying for funds through a civic club.

Jane reviewed the priorities for Community Development Block Grant in the Columbia area. In larger cities, the HUD dollars go through the city. In rural areas the money is administered through the State.

Jane reviewed timelines of how long it takes to receive block grant money (for their latest project). If a grant is awarded on a project, the project must be used (as stated in the grant) for ten years or the agency must pay the city back.

Jane reviewed the application process, requirements, revenue maximization, home funds, and lead-based paint issues (if a house is older than 1978, testing needs to be completed). There was a significant discussion with regard to removal of lead-based paint.

Jane reviewed "Home Modification/Repair Funds Checklist".

Jane discussed the amount of administrative time it takes.

The USDA is another funding source for loans to providing housing needs to the aging population.

Missouri State Government Review Commission

Dan Cole reviewed Missouri State Government Review Commission notes from 5/20/05. On this date, the focus was on Social Service, Health and Senior Service and Mental Health.

Marcus discussed the other dates for public testimony for Missouri State Government Review Commission. Discussion ensued with regard to MACDDS members going to public testimonies across the State. The dates are listed on www.macdds.org.

Break

Division of MR/DD Division Director, Jeff Grosvenor

Jeff handed out a packet of information titled “Dept. of Mental Health”. It reviews DMH budget for FY 05, new decision items for FY 06, FY 06 reductions, 2006 Medicaid changes, FY 06 additional reductions, FY 06 proposed budget, FY 06 other decision items and total budget.

Jeff handed out Residential and Non-Residential Waiting List by UR Scores per Regional Center.

There was a brief discussion with regard to 07 budget. Case Load Growth and COLA will be focused on again. Jeff has requested any information/strategies from MACDDS members for the 07 budget. Information is needed as soon as possible. The first draft is due to the Governor by October 1st.

Jeff reported DMH Investigations are now under General Council. All investigators (habilitation centers and regional centers) will be under Scott Giovanetti. Investigators at the regional centers will not carry a case load.

Jeff handed out “Sample Letter” with regard to providers certifying match.

Legislative Consultant, Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp

Sarah reviewed new bills that impact membership. One of the main differences has to do with the way spend-down is now calculated.

The Governor has until July 1st to sign the budget.

There was a brief discussion with regard to the commission that will be appointed to look at Medicaid reform.

There was a discussion on HB 952. This money generated by HB 952 will be used to match federal funds.

The First Steps bill did pass. There was a brief discussion with regard to DESE and their working relationship with the Governor’s Office.

A discussion ensued with regard to the planning for next budget year. MACDDS will draft a “position paper” once we see how the current changes evolve.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05.