

**MACDDS Minutes**  
**June 28, 2006**

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Announcements/Celebrations of Success:**

- Lovie Oelklaus announced that Warren County is celebrating 20 years of operation. They have several activities planned.
- Peg Capo announced their new office is at 156 St. Peters Centre Blvd., St. Peters, Mo 63376. They started providing case management as of May 1<sup>st</sup> and have 187 clients and 6 case managers and one supervisor now.
- Vicki McCarrell announced Cooper County celebrated 30 years of their workshop and 15 years of Unlimited Opportunities. They received a \$39,000 grant from United Way which is an increase of \$3,000 over last year.
- Jake Jacobs announced he has been selected as the Jackson County disability representative to participate on a Federal Comprehensive Transportation Planning committee. He will be in Washington, D.C. from July 31 to August 1, 2006 for this meeting.
- Max Lytle from Taney County announced that his agency broke ground for their HUD apartments this morning.
- Janice Tilman, Platte County, announced her second granddaughter, Ellie, was born last week and is as brilliant and beautiful, as her first granddaughter. She also announced that she has been accepted to become a CARF surveyor.

R. Garlich emailed a paper, **MR-DD PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE**, Draft Concept as of June 2006, to MACDDS members. This paper recommends a systems change by establishing “Programs of Excellence” or “Centers for Excellence” which would have to meet set criteria for these designations. These entities would then receive lump funding to provide services to a minimum number of consumers. Discussion ensued. R. Garlich has presented this paper to DMH on behalf of his agency. No action was taken by membership.

**Break**

**Bernard Simons, Director, Division of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities** introduced himself and talked about his experience in the field. He sees four items that need to be worked on. Those four items are:

1. Service coordination—how can the caseload size be reduced? What requirements need to be in place to decide who can offer this service?

2. Accreditation—for consistency among agencies using national standards. It will probably take 4 to 5 years to get all providers up to speed and accredited. May have to move dollars around to accomplish this.
3. Quality assurance—there are now State and regional QA teams. The System Transformation Grant has the possibility to help with this. He has directed MRDD staff to draft a proposal to CMS asking for free technical assistance in this area. If an agency already has a good QA plan in place, and is monitoring them, there is no need to have the regional center QA team repeat this.
4. Communication—in the recent review of all regional centers one item that came up as a problem was communication. Lack of communication from Central Office to regional centers and thus from Central Office to families and providers is not consistent.

B. Simons stated he does not think the Division should provide direct services such as behavior support/crisis teams. It may be a better use of State funding to purchase those behavior support services. This is one thing he will be looking into.

Following the exit of B. Simons, it was suggested by membership that a welcome letter be drafted and sent to him identifying the roles and principles that MACDDS believes should be used in our relationship with MRDD.

**Sandy Wise, District Administrator for the Division of MRDD** Discussed the Network of Care and how SB40's will show up on this website. County Boards will be described as "Funding Partners". County Boards can have a link from the Network of Care to their own website. She asked that any suggestions for changes to the website be emailed to her. The website for Network of Care is [www.missouri.networkofcare.org](http://www.missouri.networkofcare.org)

**Minutes:** D. Cole moved and V. McCarrell seconded a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Report:** The treasurer's report was emailed by C. Arrowsmith to all members. D. Cole moved and M. Whitlock seconded the motion to accept the report as emailed. Motion passed unanimously. The annual audit was mailed out by J. Wooldridge to the Executive Committee

#### **Agency Liaison Reports:**

**Missouri Planning Council:** Susan Pritchard-Green stated that reports on several grants given out to facilitate movement into the community from institutions will be discussed at the July Council meeting.

**MARF:** Wendy Buehler reported MARF is working on next year's legislative agenda. MARF submitted a letter to the Governor's Office and the Mental Health Commission with recommendations and suggestions for things to look at in hiring a new Department Director.

**MO-ANCOR:** Carol Baer with Emmaus Homes, St. Charles will be the new President of MO-ANCOR July 1.

**Coalition:** Met recently. The review of all regional centers will be presented to the Mental Health Commission in August by Clive Woodward.

R. Garlich asked if the Coalition would look at the proposal he had submitted to DMH on establishing Centers and Programs for Excellence to see if they can support it. He will disseminate his concept paper to the Coalition Steering Committee members.

**Supported Employment-** (W. Hays) APSE Conference coming up in August in Columbia. If you have not received an emailed conference brochure, let W. Hays know. It will be an excellent conference.

**Sheltered Workshop Managers -** (R. Garlich) Fulvio Franzi has been hired to replace Larry Young in DESE.

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

**Congress on Disability-** (J. Ames) No report.

A discussion was held by the group on B. Simon's statement that he wants to reduce caseload size around the State. A motion was made by B. Barnes, seconded by V. McCarell and passed unanimously to appoint R. Kruse to head up a committee of County Board TCM providers to meet with B. Simon to discuss this issue. The committee is composed of R. Kruse, J. Tilman, V. McCarrell, B. Barnes, J. Casey, A. Nissen, P. Capo, P. Breting, J. Jones, and B.Searight.

A. Nissen made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by J. Jacobs and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

**MACDDS Minutes**  
**June 29, 2006**

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

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Finance** T. Weatherspoon made a motion that was seconded by A. Nissen to accept the annual audit as emailed out to members by J. Wooldridge, and refer the recommendations to the Finance Committee for resolution and/or response. Motion was passed unanimously.

**\*Public Awareness** (W. Hays) Information for our annual report is coming in.

**\*Conference** (B. Barnes and C. Arrowsmith) Conference brochure will, hopefully, be out by the end of July. The Committee will meet again on July 12, 2006, immediately following the MO-ANCOR meeting (noon) at the Coca Cola Building in Jefferson City.

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

**\*Missouri Housing Trust Fund** The first quarter funding for this year's EHAP has been expended and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter's funds requested.

**\*Legislative** (P. Capó) Members should refer to last year's legislative platform and let P. Capó know if they want changes or additions.

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

**\*Regulation/ Standards** (J. Tilman) The Technical Assistance manual is still being updated. Completed sections of what will be parts of the manual are on our MACDDS website.

**\*CARF** (R. Kruse) The group will be drafting a letter to CARF discussing the onerous burden of the many, many planning documents that CARF requires.

**\*First Steps Workgroup** (R. Kruse) No report.

**\*Insurance** R. Garlich reported that about 10 agencies have indicated interest in participating in the Sheltered Workshop Managers work comp pool. That has been forwarded to the group. If SWIM accepts us, they will then let us know the rates.

**Mark Stone, Services for Independent Living** M. Stone, Director of the Columbia Center for Independent Living, which is called Services for Independent Living spoke on the services his center provides. There are 22 independent living centers now in the State. Each one is guided by a board which has to have 51% of the board being persons who experience a disability. All centers have to provide at least the 4 core services of advocacy, independent living skills training, information and referral and peer support.

**Bill Osborne, President, Missouri Public Transportation Association** B. Osborne spoke about the Missouri Public Transportation Association, a coalition of transportation providers across the State. The MPTA offers training for drivers, an annual conference for educational and networking, and advocates with the Legislature to increase funding for transportation through the MEHTAP program. For more information, check their website at [www.mptaonline.com](http://www.mptaonline.com)

**Governor Signing Budget** Governor Blunt has not yet signed the budget for FY '07, which starts July 1, 2006. He has until July 14 to sign it. It was reported that DMH has received verbal assurance that he will leave in the 7% increase for providers.

**ISL Budgets and the 7% Raise** A group of providers has been put together by Central Office to look at how the 7% raise will be handled on ISL budgets with the present caps on rates for administration, CIST, Community Specialist, direct care, RN's. J. Casey is the MACDDS representative on this group. More information will be coming out from J. Casey on this. At present, the Division wants the 7% listed on the residential habilitation side of the budget as a separate line item. But, by October 1 the Division wants the 7% spread out among various categories. A discussion followed by membership on what would be the best way to handle this 7% on ISL budgets.

A. Nissen made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by M. Lytle and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.