

MACDDS Minutes
July 27, 2006

Vice President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

V. McCarrell reported that the Lutheran Church service group volunteered to build a deck on one of her group homes at no charge to UOI.

Doris Boeckman reported Community Asset Builders has moved to their new office at 606 Dix Road, Jefferson City. They will have room for MACDDS members to convene a meeting there or stop in to check email, etc. Their Open House is scheduled for August 25 and everyone is invited.

Discussion on Roger Garlich's Proposal on "Programs and Centers of Excellence"

R. Garlich reported he took many MACDDS documents and reports and reviewed those previous suggestions and ideas and drafted the systems change document, MR-DD PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE. He explained that this document would allow for a minimum level of quality through national accreditation, would allow the Division to give communities opportunities to provide expanded services and flexible funding options. Once an agency is designated a Program or Center for Excellence, lump sum funding could be used to allow for stabilization of services and an increased number of individuals served, according to their needs. Discussion continued until R. Garlich moved and J. Duffin seconded a motion that MACDDS support the MR-DD Program of Excellence proposition. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Andrews with CARF said they have been around 40 years, they are peer driven, and they have expanded worldwide. He summarized CARF's present areas of importance as:

- Alignment—Does the quality assurance program fit together with all parts of the service delivery system?
- Quality—Can accountability be kept local where it can best be handled?
- Teaching/Learning Modality—Accredited programs can teach their staff to do the right thing in the right way through their various CARF required initiatives.

Bernard Simon, Division Director, Tec Chapman, Deputy Division Director, Fred Fridlington, Transitions, Division of MRDD

B. Simon introduced Tec Chapman to the group. Tec, who formerly worked for UMKC Institute for Human Development and later was a Joseph P. Kennedy Fellow in Washington, DC and working in Congress, said he is glad to have returned home to Missouri.

Fred Fridlington will be spearheading the efforts to transition people from habilitation centers to the community.

Input, via email, is requested for FY '08 DMH budget.

Tec will work with Robin Rust on how the provider community would be willing to participate and provide crises services. B. Simon said he thinks providers can offer this service quicker and with good results and that would allow regional centers to get back to the basics.

Case management is a need of the Division. Bernie requested a committee to work with him on this issue. Ron Kruse heads up a MACDDS committee and will work with Bernie on this.

Accreditation for all agencies over the next 3 years is the goal of Bernie. It should be voluntary for providers to choose either The Council or CARF.

The review of the regional centers is posted on the DMH website. All providers are requested to look at this report and to send their recommendations as a group, not individually by August 4.

Tec said, "The Division of MRDD needs to get out of the compliance mode and get into the support mode with providers."

Jasmine Hall-Ratliff, Missouri Foundation for Health gave information and materials related to the grant funding available from the Missouri Foundation for Health.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Vice President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Jim Lowrey, HR Manager for Cole County Residential Services

Jim Lowrey attended a National Public Employee Labor Relations Association Conference this spring and shared some of the information he received at this conference. There is also a Missouri Chapter of NPELRA which will have a conference for human resource officers in November at the Lodge of Four Seasons. For information about joining either group, email Jim Lowrey at jimlowery@ccrsi.org or call him at 573-636-9832, ext. 309. He provided updated information on a variety of personnel issues.

David Strange, Missouri Department of Labor & Industrial Relations

HB1268 made changes in unemployment law. It dealt with trust fund issues to pay the unemployment claims. It made it more difficult for claimants to get paid but also made the cost to employers higher. The waiting week for receiving unemployment is not paid out until the end of their employment benefits. A change effective January 1, 2005 makes it possible to terminate someone for failing a drug or alcohol test and not have to pay unemployment. HB 1456 also made changes in UI. For more information on Unemployment Insurance go to www.dolir.mo.gov/es or www.moclaim.com

Lori Steffen, Universal Design Housing Network

Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. A group in Kansas City is working to get people to adopt universal design to allow people to age in their homes. The “Basic 6” for universal design. They include:

1. Stepless entry
2. Passable 36” wide doors—34” acceptable
3. 44” to 48” hallways stairways
4. Key functions and controls on main entry level with controls easy to use and reach
5. Clear 60” floor space in kitchen and bathroom
6. 6. Half high wall reinforcements in bathroom for future grab bars

For more information on Universal Design, go to www.udhn.org or email Lori Steffen at lasv86@umkc.edu or call her at (816)235-8845.

Legislative Committee: M. Thomas reported that the Mental Health Commission and DMH are requesting our input on the budget for FY '08. She made a motion to forward to DMH last year’s legislative priorities along with a recommendation for increased funding for MEHTAP as budget input from MACDDS. Motion seconded by M. Lytle and passed unanimously.

Minutes: June minutes were emailed out. L. Wagner moved and J. Wooldridge seconded a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: R. Garlich made a motion to accept the June treasurer's report as emailed. Motion seconded by T. Weatherspoon and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.