

MACDDS Minutes
December 7, 2005
Ramada Inn, Jefferson City

President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 1:05

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Franklin Co. Dental received a grant of \$5,000 from the Spirit of Mercy Award from St. John Mercy Hospital.

Osage Co. received \$900 donation from Knights of Columbus tootsie role drive/matched by Wal-Mart.

Vicki McCarrell reported on an article from a Cooper County newspaper regarding their resale shop's fashion show.

University Center for Excellence Vim Horn

Vim talked about a grant they inherited from the state. It was known as the "Ticket to Work" grant or Medicaid Infrastructure Grants. The purpose of the grant was for states to remove barriers to employment of persons with disabilities by creating systemic change. He gave a background of why the University is now overseeing the grant.

Vim handed out "Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999".

Vim discussed state eligibility and why at this time Missouri is not eligible. For the last 3 years, Missouri has been in a conditional/basic status. This is the last year the federal government will allow Missouri to be in this status. In August 2006, the state will need to meet the requirements or will lose the grant.

Vim talked about the waiver to individuals with physical disability and how it does not meet the federal criteria for the grant. It does not include transportation to/from work or personal care needs. Also, the waiver for physical disability does not include employment.

Vim reviewed the "2006 Workplan and Outcomes/Benchmarks". "The overall goal of this project is to enhance the use Medicaid resources in Missouri to more effectively support the competitive employment of people with disabilities." Vim reviewed the 8 objectives they will work on during 2006. Vim is requesting a partnership with MACDDS to achieve many of these outcomes.

Alecia Nissen made the motion to follow through with the partnership with the UMKC-IHD-UCED to complete a Personal Assistant survey of SB40 Boards; Ron Kruse seconded; motion carried.

The goal of this partnership is to look at best practices and consistency across the state.

At the January MACDDS meeting there will be more details regarding this topic.

DMH MR/DD, Kent Stalder and Jeff Grosvenor

Kent reported:

*Mental Health Commission will be in closed session from 9-9:30 and from 9:30-11:00 will be the open session.

*MOAID-was cut from the budget. There is an agreement for a part-time person from Rolla to oversee a similar program called SAFE. She will supervise volunteers who will continue to come during the off year of Certification.

*UR Consistency-Regional Centers will be observing other Regional Centers by looking at Individualized Plans to see if scoring the UR is consistent. This information will be placed in a database.

Grant Steering Committee-Kent handed out "MRDD Systems Transformation Initiative: Project Abstract"--System Transformation Initiative Grant. Kent reviewed the members who are on this steering committee and requested a member of MACDDS to "ensure interests of county partners are represented in planning and implementation decisions". .

There will be a meeting on January 19th with RN III to discuss community registered nurses (CRN). Kent handed out "Highlights of CRN Program Changes".

Kent handed out the Department of HSS, MH and SS section of "2005 Missouri State Government Review Commission". There was a brief discussion over recommendation #46: "The Department of Mental Health should undergo an external review and evaluation process..."

Safety For All People (SOAP)-Kent discussed the liability of developing "their" own procedures/restraints. Due to this liability, SOAP has been put on hold.

Kent handed out "Requirements and Monitoring Processes of Community Providers, December, 2005".

Jeff discussed budget issues.

Providers were requested information on increased fuel and utility cost. Providers need to get this information to Jeff.

Jeff gave a brief overview of money that is being spent at Bellefontaine. Tony Casey is going to work part-time with some transition issues at Bellefontaine.

At this time budget issues are on hold until after Governor gives his recommendations. January 11th is the State of the State address at 7 pm.

Break

Max Lytle made the motion for Alecia Nissen to represent MACDDS at the System Transformation Grant Committee; Betsy Barnes seconded; motion carried

Minutes:

Alecia Nissen made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections; Vicki McCarrell seconded; motion carried.

Finance Report:

Jennifer handed out 2006 Meeting Calendar.

Jennifer reviewed List of Assets as of 11/30/05.

Alecia Nissen made the motion to approve Oct. and Nov. Treasurer's Report; Betsy Barnes seconded; motion carried.

CAB Contract

Jim Casey made the motion to accept the 2006 contract; Terry Weatherspoon seconded; motion carried.

Agency Liaison Report:

*MARF- (M. Whitlock) Wendy B. stated they finalized their legislative agenda. MARF has hired an Executive Director.

*MO ANCOR- (B. Barnes) no report

*Coalition- (P. Capo) Wendy B. reviewed the discussions of the last meeting. Most of the discussion was about testimonies at the Government Review Commissions.

*Supported Employment- (W. Hays) no report

*MO Planning Council- (V. McCarrell) On Dec. 16th in St. Peters, there will be a meeting to discuss the transitions at Bellefontaine. Next meeting is Jan. 19th and 20th. Vicki discussed grants that have been given for different projects. You can find this information on MO Planning Council's website.

*Sheltered Workshop Managers- (R. Garlich) no report

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

*Congress on Disability- (J. Ames) new officers have been elected. They are working on their legislative priorities. Jennie reviewed the legislative priorities.

Committee Reports:

*Finance (J Wooldridge) gave their recommendations to the changing of the bylaws. The recommendations were requested per 2004 audit. "Financial Reports", "Internal Control" and "Investment of Funds" are the areas included in the revisions. Jennifer will rewrite the recommendations for review in January.

Jennifer reviewed the "MACDDS Budget 2006". Daniel Cole made the motion to approve the budget as submitted; Alecia Nissen seconded; motion carried.

*Public Awareness (W. Hays) no report

*Conference (V. McCarrell/D. Cole) Vicki reported that we had 275 paid registrants for the conference. She also reported on the income and comments. Next years conference co-chairs will be Betsy Barnes and Cathy Arrowsmith.

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

*Missouri Housing Trust Fund (D. Boeckman) no report

*Legislative (P. Capo) no report

*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) Bids were accepted and the new SPOES will start Feb. 1st. Ron reviewed who received the SPOE bids.
- *Insurance (D. Boeckman) Betsy Barnes updated members on the VEBA/Insurance. More information will be presented tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

MACDDS Minutes
December 8, 2005
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President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 9:05

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

There was a general discussion on staff issues.

Gamble and Associates, Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp

Medicaid Reform Commission Report-Sarah reported that all the testimony is complete. The draft of the Commission is complete but not out for public viewing. It is lacking the pharmacy and eligibility section. The Commission is supposed to meet at the end of next week.

Focus this year for legislators: school formula “fixes”, government reform and eminent domain.

There has been discussion at the Capital that there needs to be an additional \$300 million to \$350 million cut from general revenue.

Sarah gave a brief overview on:

- *Special Elections-republicans have some concerns due to democrats winning the seats.
- *Stem cell research.
- *committees needing committee chairs.
- *“managed care” vs. “care management”.

State Government Review Commission-Sarah felt there will not be one bill to realign the recommendations but each will have its own bill. She felt we need to go to members of the General Assembly to advocate instead of the Governors Office.

Break

Human Resource Issues, Gary Marble-Associated Industries of Missouri, Marvin Hayes, StreetSmart Solutions and Lance Green, ClearFocus Group

Gary gave a brief background of his group. He handed out “Associated Industries of Missouri” brochure and “an email “Subject: RE: AIMCare Alliance”. He defined “push” strategy vs. a “pull” strategy of bidding insurance. Push-bidding out a group to a group of healthcare companies and the total group has the same increase with a 3-5 year commitment. Pull-similar but in a pull-the group is tiered into three groups-from largest risk to lowest risk and each of the tiers will have a different rate increase with a year to year commitment. There are options besides health insurance (dental and optical).

AIMO would waive MACDDS first year annual fee per member if MACDDS would pay \$2,000 to join (corporate membership). Gary also reviewed how much MACDDS would get back from referral fees and it was felt that MACDDS would get at least the \$2,000 back.

Go to www.aimo.com or www.aimocare.com to see the plans available. Members can get a free quote at www.aimo.com.

Down the road they are looking on providing workers compensation.

There was a brief discussion with the other services that AIMO provides (through Employer Service Program).

Since there was no quorum, no motion could be made to join AIMO.

For more information see:

Associated Industries- www.aimo.com

StreetSmart- www.streetsmartsolutions.com

ClearFocus- www.clearfocusgroup.com

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.