

MACDDS Minutes
Wednesday February 22, 2006

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

- Vicki McCarrell of Cooper County announced they have received a grant of \$73,900 from Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District.
- Janice Tilman, Platte County, reported they have received a grant from the Missouri Planning Council for employment.
- Jim Casey presented the MACDDS President's Award to 2005 MACDDS President, Marcus Whitlock.

Minutes: V. McCarrell moved and C. Arrowsmith seconded a motion to approve the January minutes as posted on the MACDDS website. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report: The January Treasurer's report was reviewed by C. Arrowsmith. M. Sullivan-Thomas made a motion to put \$15,000 in a CD for one year and put another \$5,000 in a 6 month CD. M. Sullivan-Thomas withdrew her motion and P. Capo made a motion that the Finance Committee decide what amount of money could be invested and do so. L. Wells seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. M. Whitlock moved the financial report be passed as presented. Motion seconded by V. McCarrell. Motion approved unanimously.

Agency Liaison Reports:

*MARF- (M. Whitlock) No Report.

*MO ANCOR- Gene Barnes reported that CAB has been hired by MO-ANCOR as administrative staff.

*COALITION- (P. Capo) Coalition had a conference call last week. Approved legislative priorities from all 3 entities have been shared and a Coalition legislative agenda will be developed from those priorities. A meeting with Dorn Shuffman was held. Some discussion with Representative Portwood about putting dental services in the waiver was held. There was also discussion about SB986, whose hearing was taken off the calendar yesterday.

*SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT- (W. Hays) The new SE assessment form is on the VR website. W. Hays and L. Wagner with Dr. Julie Warm from UMKC to develop some survey questions on employment for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. MACDDS will be paid for their participation.

*MO PLANNING COUNCIL- (V. McCarrell) Check the website because there are several grants available from the Planning Council.

*SHELTERED WORKSHOP MANAGERS- (R. Garlich) No Report. V. McCarrell talked to Senator Stouffer about the State rest areas and sheltered workshop contracting for their upkeep. Senator Klindt has sponsored a bill that says rest area contracts should go to workshops within a 50 mile radius. The new bids have been put on hold and the old bids are still in place until this is all worked out.

*PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE COUNCIL- (W. Hays/R. Garlich) No Report

*CONGRESS ON DISABILITY- (J. Ames) No Report

Committee Reports:

***Finance** (C. Arrowsmith) No Report.

***Public Awareness** (W. Hays) Meeting will be held tomorrow morning.

***Conference** (B. Barnes/ C. Arrowsmith) Meeting scheduled March 1 at 11 a.m. in Jefferson City.

***MAC Online** (M. Sullivan-Thomas) Make sure that your email address is correct and that your webpage is correct.

***Missouri Housing Trust Fund** (D. Boeckman) Waiting on the last installment from the 2005-06 grant so no checks have been cut for a few days. Adair and Washington Counties will participate in the last quarter's housing funds as well as next year's grant which starts April 1, 2006. If there are any other counties that want to use some of this year's grant moneys, contact Doris.

***Legislative** (P. Capo) Good turnout at the Capitol this morning. 15 to 20 people were there to meet with their legislators. Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp gave an update on the budget process and information on various bills. The Health and Senior Services budget has \$1 an hour for their personal care attendants. Most legislators did not know that this raise leaves the MR/DD direct care staff out. Everyone needs to talk to their legislators about giving our staff raises too. HB1742 on MAWD is another bill we need to track. SB 642, the sheltered workshop per diem bill looks like it's going to pass although there will not be any increases until funding is there. HB1742 gives sheltered workshop employees a better position in terms of their Medicaid eligibility because none of their workshop wages counts as income for figuring Medicaid. Some questions came up about the fact that people who are employed competitively do not get the same consideration. Their wages would count against them in figuring Medicaid eligibility determination. However, most workshop employees don't earn enough to put their Medicaid eligibility in jeopardy. Mary Sullivan-Thomas will post our MACDDS priorities on our website.

Due to lack of time, the other committee reports were moved to the next day.

Steve Westhead, Soulshine Company, Kansas City Steve Westhead is Vice President of Philadelphia Insurance Company and is also an investor in accessible housing. His company, Soulshine Company, can build new, affordable, accessible housing for the \$12 to \$15 per day room and board rate available to spend based on the consumer's SSI or SSDI. His group does a 15 year lease with a not for profit or county board who can provide the support services necessary. In some cases, the county board has contributed funds to help pay for the lift systems, bathing systems, etc. He has built 6 bedroom and 4 bedroom homes. They are looking into solar hot water and other innovative efficiencies. Anyone interested in finding out more about Soulshine Company coming to build in their town, call Donna Lilley at (888)324-5304.

Break

Kent Stalder & Jeff Grosvenor, MRDD Jeff reported on the meeting/conference call on TCM last week. Rather than being able to certify the match for TCM, County Boards will have to pay the match in on a monthly basis starting in July. This change is due to an audit by CMS. Since the TCM rate is not the county board rate, but is based on aggregate costs of the state plus the county costs figured as an average, CMS has a concern about the match being certified. In the future, hopefully, after July 1, the match payment will be mailed to MRDD and the county will receive a check for 100% of the rate rather than the 60% they are now receiving. DMH will do a state plan amendment to change the TCM rate to the State cost only rate, which should be higher than the current rate. They are going to wait until the proposed State pay increase of 4%, if voted on, is actually approved by the legislature, to reflect the higher costs in the new rate.

Kent discussed that Division directives that affect county boards haven't been put out for comment from everyone. In the future the Division will post the directives as well as the DOR's on their website for comment.

Kent talked about the transition rate of \$212 a day for persons coming out of Bellefontaine Habilitation Center. In the past the start up costs and home modifications cost was limited to no more than \$6,000. That limit is now being raised to \$3,000 start up costs and \$5,000 home modifications. Plus the Division is going to cover up to \$1,500 for staff training time to get placements made. Kent requested input and suggestions for how the Division can work with county boards that are paying the match on a group home or ISL and have a vacancy, to select the person who best fits the opening even though that person may not be the first one on the UR waiting list. There is also a draft directive on quality assurance and the community R.N. program that will be put on the DMH website.

Roger Garlich, Internet Strategic Plan "The One Page Planning and Performance System" has been adopted by Roger's agency. This is a continuous planning, continuous improvement process. They subscribe to the web-based application. The plan can be accessed from any computer at any time with a password. It is updated monthly. There are 3 levels of viewing. Roger purchased only one level. The boards, parents, etc. can do a "read only" view of the plan. The executive director has authority over all the plans.

They developed strategies to implement the mission and vision over 3 to 5 years. Each department can develop a specific mission and vision objectives, then set up strategies and action steps as well as score cards to track progress. Everyone likes to be able to see what is going on in each department at any time. Costs are \$400 per area for the first year. The second year it's \$300 per area. Roger has 10 areas. Training was given for 2 days to staff. Training costs are on top of the other costs. If interested, go to www.myonepageplan.com for more information.

Doris Boeckman mentioned the Missouri Foundation for Health grant opportunity for agency enhancement which could, possibly, help fund this tool for MACDDS or individual counties.

MACDDS Website Mary Sullivan-Thomas gave an EXCELLENT brief overview and training on accessing information on the MACDDS website.

Ron Kruse, Franklin County Dental Network A video of the Dental Network was shown by Ron. The Dental Network started with a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health. Dentists volunteer their times. The hospital donated space. Another \$5,000 grant was received from a local entity. An expansion of equipment is planned. Schools now refer students. The Franklin County Health Department is involved and the liability insurance for the dentists is covered through them. However, there is still an issue of finding comprehensive liability insurance for the dentists. They are using Mc+ for the children who have that, to pay for ongoing supplies. The member agencies do the scheduling and in some cases provide transportation. Several awards have been received by the Dental Network. If anyone wants more information on this project, call Ron Kruse.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

MACDDS Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2006

President Jim Casey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Max Lytle reported that Taney County held their first consumer dance and 40 individuals attended. A good time was had by all!

Internet Strategic Plan Program Jim Casey brought up the possibility of MACDDS applying for a Missouri Foundation for Health grant to purchase the internet based strategic planning program displayed by Roger Garlich yesterday. After discussion, Lynn Wells made a motion to leave it up to the Executive Committee to decide whether to pursue a grant for the program. Ron Kruse seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jem Duffin spoke on the Autism Symposium. The dates are May 18-20 at Tan-Tar-A. A good mix of speakers is scheduled. Julia Kaufmann will attend MACDDS next month to talk about the symposium and about the Thompson Center for Autism, which is part of University of Missouri Columbia, funded by an \$8,000,000 donation from a family in California.

April is Autism Awareness Month. April 6th is the date of a rally at the Capitol in Jefferson City by families and consumers who have autism. The rally will be sponsored by the Judevine Center.

Sandy Wise, Division of MR/DD—Network of Care Web Based Technology

The Network of Care is a comprehensive, internet-based system to give information to families and consumers about services available in Missouri. There will be a site for developmental disabilities as well as other sites for other disabilities. Providers will have the opportunity to link their website to the State site. Each regional center will have their own website. Families will be able to type in their town and get referred to the correct regional center. The comprehensive nature of the website should be very helpful to many people. It is hoped that by the end of March the website will be up and running. Once it is up and going, anyone can go in and recommend changes or additions by email to the company, Trilogy Integrated Resources, which is putting the website together.

Further Committee Reports held over from yesterday:

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

***Regulations/ Standards** (J. Tilman) Committee met yesterday and reorganized. Several documents will be posted on the MACDDS website.

***CARF** (R. Kruse) Ron will contact DMH to try to get information on cost of licensure.

First Steps (R. Kruse) No report.

Prevention Workgroup (R. Kruse) A draft statement was prepared by the workgroup and emailed out to all members. After some discussion, R. Kruse moved that we adopt this position statement and mail it to Kent Stalder, A. Nissen seconded and the membership approved it unanimously. The Prevention Workgroup will try to schedule a meeting with Kent to discuss our position.

After the discussion on DMH directives that affect county boards that have been proposed/passed without MACDDS input and with the partnership agreement between MACDDS and DMH, it was recommended that Jim Casey sign the renewal of the partnership agreement for this year. In the future, when MACDDS' new president takes office AND whenever there is a new Division Director, the partnership agreement will be re-signed.

***Insurance** (R. Garlich) The Insurance Committee is meeting this afternoon and will be investigating a workers' compensation pool. Asked the members if there is interest in a self funded health insurance program? Enough interest was shown and the committee was asked to proceed with the investigation of a self-funded or partially self-funded health insurance plan.

College of Direct Support There are only 12 people currently enrolled. The workgroup has been reviewing each lesson of each course. After discussion with Wayne Crawford and the Trainers, the first Module was identified and the Trainers were asked to get it out to the direct support professionals who will be taking this course and get people signed on and taking the training.

Tami Herman, Missouri Alliance for Children and Families The Missouri Alliance was developed in 1997 to meet specific needs for children with severe emotional disorders ages 4 to 18. It was formed by 9 providers of residential services for children. While a child is receiving Alliance services, DMH is not involved. When Alliance discharges the child from their services, they try to get DMH involved again. Referrals come from the Children's Division. The monthly rate per child is \$3,500. This is paid from the Children's Division and Medicaid. The goal is to get the child moved back to the family if possible. Career foster homes are typically paid \$55 a day. Children may stay up to several years in a career foster home. Alliance care managers receive a bonus if a child is successful in placement.

Medicaid Reimbursement Jan Jones from Greene County reported that with their TCM program they are receiving less than the 60% return. In August, September and October the return was closer to 60%. It is now around 47%. If anyone else has noticed any kind

of trend like this, please get with Jan. Claims are being rejected at a much higher rate for some other Medicaid services in Springfield also. It was suggested the loss in income could be due to spenddown issues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.