

MACDDS Minutes
Wednesday, January 26, 2005
Ramada Inn, Jefferson City

President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Announcements/Celebrations of Success:

Jan Jones (Green County) reported on their new case management service.

Vickie McCarrell (Cooper) reported on their case loads. She also reported on their new thrift store.

Betsy Barnes (Pike) reported on their Point of Lights Award they received at their day program.

Susan Pritchard-Green (MO Planning Council) reported on their Freshman Legislature Tour.

Bob Bonds (Ray) reported that their second Section-8 housing development is full.

Minutes:

After a correction was noted, Alecia Nissen made the motion to accept December's meeting minutes; Peg Capo seconded; motion passed.

Agency Liaison Report:

*MARF- (M. Whitlock) no report

*MO ANCOR- (B. Barnes) Gene Barnes reported on MO ANCOR's January meeting.

*Coalition- (P. Capo) their quarterly meeting was on January 13th. A lot of the discussion at this meeting was centered on habilitation centers. It was reported that DMH was on target with regard to downsizing habilitation centers. Habilitation centers continue to receive new residents.

*Supported Employment- (W. Hays) no report

*MO Planning Council- (V. McCarrell) met last Thursday and Friday. Tony Casey was present during this meeting. Vickie handed out "Common Questions Regarding Community-Based Living Options" and "Information about Missouri Citizens with Developmental Disabilities". There was an attorney from Protection and Advocacy at the January Mo Planning Council meeting. Susan Pritchard-Green added they are looking at having a Self Determination Committee.

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

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

*Congress on Disability- (J. Ames) Met on January 14th. Next meeting is March 11th.

On April 26th, the "Congress" will be meeting at the Capital to educate Legislators.

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*Provider- (R. Garlich) no report

Committee Reports:

- *Public Awareness (Doris) next committee meeting will be in February.
- *Conference (V. McCarrell/D. Cole) Vicki thanked members for sending in information on potential presenters. There will be an organizational meeting this afternoon.
- *MAC Online-discussed difficulty in finding the minutes and financial report. Jim Casey will send out a reminder of when the financials and minutes are online.
- *Missouri Housing Trust Fund (D. Boeckman) balance sheets will be sent to the counties that are involved for the current grant. \$150,000 was awarded for next years grant. Committee will get together to discuss the current maximum for a project and look at a temporary increase.
- *Legislative (R Kruse) discussed SB173 Sheltered Workshop Increase.
- *Resource Development (J. Casey) no report
- *Assessment (M. Whitlock) no report
- *Issues Planning and Action (A. Nissen) no report
- *Embracing Partnerships (P. Capo) discussed needing to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Mental Health.
- *Regulation Standards (J. Tilman) no report
- *CARF (R. Kruse) reported he spoke to Paul Andrew at CARF. They discussed new ideas of the future. Ron thought it would be good to get the committee together with Paul and Tony Casey to discuss future goals and directions of CARF in Missouri.
- *First Steps Workgroup (R. Kruse) discussed possible directions for First Steps. Ron has met with legislators to discuss the possible future of First Steps.
- *Insurance (D. Boeckman) on the agenda for the next two days of MACDDS.

Finance Report:

Jennifer handed out MACDDS December Treasurer's Report. Alecia Nissen made the motion to accept the December report; Lynn Wells seconded; motion passed.

Break

Health Insurance Trust (Naught-Naught-Brian Link/Doris Boeckman)

Brian handed out a packet of information. This is the second time Naught-Naught has presented to MACDDS. The previous meeting focused on HSAs and HRAs. This discussion focused on VEBAs (Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Associations). Andrew Haynes, an employee benefits attorney working with Naught-Naught, will be presenting tomorrow. A VEBA will need a 3-5 year commitment. With this plan, not only will health insurance be offered but other ancillary benefits (dental and vision).

A VEBA must be formed to establish a fully insured plan. A VEBA must have a separate board.

Discussion ensued with regard to for-profits and non-for-profits joining MACDDS as an RPO and being included with the VEBA to increase the number of participants which should reduce the cost of the insurance.

Brian handed out a copy of a webpage from www.Bizjournals.com. This handout covered the benefits of the HSA plans. There is a mandatory of a minimum of \$1000 deductible with a HSA plan.

Brian handed out a “List of References” who is currently in a VEBA.

February 28th is the deadline to return the health insurance data to Doris at cabllc@earthlink.net.

As a side note, Brian reported that in 2006, Medicare will be picking up the cost of prescription medications.

Committee Chair and Membership Changes (Doris Boeckman)

Doris handed out “MACDDS Committee Member Roster-2004” and the “Strategic Plan 2004-2007”. If members want to be included on a committee they should add their names or email Doris. If someone is on a committee and wants to be removed they should cross their name off of the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

MACDDS Minutes
Thursday, January 27, 2005
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President Marcus Whitlock called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

General Discussion:

*Vickie updated members on some decisions of the Conference Committee and asked for input from membership with regard to presenters. If anyone has any ideas for the theme of the conference, please let Vicki and Dan know.

*Dolores Hampton of the Planning Council discussed the Youth Leadership Forum.

*Reviewed and discussed definition of RPO.

*Members discussed Governor Blunt's speech. To see his recommendations, go to www.oa.mo.gov.

*Janice passed out pictures from the MAC Conference. If anyone is interested in purchasing copies of the pictures, let Janice know.

Naught-Naught (Andrew Ky Haynes and Brian Link)

Andrew gave an overview of a VEBA (Volunteer Employee Beneficiary Association). If a VEBA is formed properly with many "lives", the group would have a better plan, which would include better rates.

Andrew reviewed the flow charts that were provided in the Naught-Naught packet of information.

Andrew reviewed who could form a VEBA. A VEBA must be membership (a VEBA Board of Directors) controlled and in the same line of business.

Andrew discussed the direction of health care. Consumer Driven Plans are the primary direction agents are pursuing.

Discussed a long term commitment (5 year preferable).

Discussed Self Funded Plan-concern, there is no loss damage at this time on our group, so it is a gamble on the health of our employees.

Andrew discussed the phases: Feasibility/Legal Structure of the Entity (Trust or Corporate)/Membership/Implementation.

Administrative cost is about \$15,000-\$20,000

Next Step-Steering Committee needs to meet to discuss feasibility and legal structure. Members who wish to participate need to send their census information to Doris.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20