

MACDDS MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2007

President Vicki McCarrell called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

Introductions and Celebrations of Success:

Mary Sullivan Thomas reported that they celebrated their 30th anniversary of SB40 in Lincoln County.

Minutes – Jem Duffin

Alecia Nissen moved to accept the minutes. Jake Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report – Vicki McCarrell

Doris reported that \$33,000 has been collected for the conference to date. Some discussion was held regarding conference finances. Jem Duffin made a motion to accept the finance report. Max Lytle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Coordinator's Report – Doris Boeckman

Doris provided a handout with a time accounting for CABLLC showing time spent on EHAP, MACDDS hours, and MACDDS Conference. The executive committee receives a more detailed breakout at each executive committee meeting.

Agency Liaison Reports

MOAncor - Carol Baer will give reports in the future. **Coalition** – Ron Kruse had phone conference. Request that Keith Schaeffer attend conference and address MO Healthnet and legislative issues. The Coalition will formalize the topics to address with the Department prior to Mr. Schaeffer attending the meeting. **Supported Employment**—Wendy Hayes. National APSE conference held in Missouri. VR did a 3% increase for supported employment providers. APSE's professional development conference will be on October 10. Tec Chapman will be presenting on how the different waivers can be used for supported employment. **MO Planning Council** – Vicki McCarrell - met last week. Will continue to fund \$15,000 for the college of direct support. Booklets telling the stories of individuals who have transitioned out of the hab centers are available through the council as are posters. **Congress on Disability** – Jenny Ames— The Congress on Disability purpose and operating guidelines have been released. Each member is asked to review and sign. Jenny noted that MACDDS representatives have had to miss some of the meetings. The dates of the meetings have changed and are in conflict with Jenny's Board meetings. Discussion was held as to the changes made in the Congress's guidelines. The Congress wants a response from each member agency by November 1. Marcus recommended that MACDDS continue to be a member of the Congress. MACDDS has three representatives-Marcus, Jenny, and Lovie. Due to conflicts in Jenny's schedule she will no longer be the main representative. A motion was made by Alecia Nissen for Chuck Snow to be the new main representative. Jim Casey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TCM Discussion—the information reported by the individual counties was widely varying. Costs used were not uniform and it does not seem to be a fair representation of across the Board TCM costs due to the various ways numbers were reported by the different counties. Will ask Bernie for a firm description of how DMH defined costs so the MACDDS costs will mirror the information.

Bill Gamble and Sara Topp Legislative Report—the Governor recently released his plan for universal health insurance for Missourians. Very limited information about the details of the plan. The universal health plan has a huge price tag. A piece of that will need a statutory change as well as a sizeable appropriation. Projected surplus of \$200M this year. Projected surplus of \$500M next year. Joyce asked about some proposed legislation regarding property tax reform. Discussion ensued as to the effect of the Hancock Amendment and the resulting reduction in collections as opposed to assessments.

St. Louis County is where the concerns originated. Some talk about exempting children's taxes from the TIF and could MR/DD be affected in the future. Speaker of the House and Committee chairs have been set. This being an election year should give momentum to some critical MR/DD issues such as addressing abuse/neglect concerns and increasing provider pay.

Appropriation Committees in House and Senate will hold sessions in December. The Committees try to categorize times for specific issues. They want the public at their hearings, not lobbyists. Chuck Gross asked last year why people were not there to advocate that they be removed from the waiting list. Legislative Day on the morning of January 23. Bill and Sara will get a room at the Capital for MACDDS.

Election of Officers

Jim Casey presented the slate of officers.

Cathy Arrowsmith-President

Max Lytle-President Elect

Pete Breting- Treasurer

Alecia Nissen-Secretary

Jennifer Wooldridge-Member at Large

All were elected by acclamation.

Bernie Simons, Division Director; MRDD—Bernie reported that they are having difficulty recruiting case managers because people are unwilling to accept a position with such uncertainty. Jeff and Bernie are working on plans to continue to move forward with TCM through County Boards and ACSP's.

Jeff Grosvenor, MRDD—DMH analysis showed the percentage rate would be 18% to be returned to the Trust Fund to make up the \$5.5 M shortfall DMH will encounter when it no longer provides any case management. Possibly do a flat amount with counties which have at least 75% Medicaid eligible. Because of a meeting conflict, Bernie Simon and Jeff Grosvenor will return on Thursday morning at ten o'clock to continue discussion on TCM.

Alecia will send out a uniform cost report for all MACDDS TCM providers to complete by next Friday. The costs currently reported are not an accurate reflection.

The Jackson County Lawsuit will go to court November 26.

There was a long discussion about issues surrounding targeted case management. A meeting was set to be held in Jefferson City on October 10. Alecia and Peg will send out an agenda for the meeting.

Committee Reports

Public Awareness – Doris Boechman—Annual report is close to being complete.

Conference – Doris—Speakers have all been confirmed. Members remember to bring your door prizes for the conference.

MHTF – Doris—working on the grant application. Lisa will be contacting anyone who has not turned in the required documentation.

Legislative – Mary Sullivan Thomas—committee will meet soon. The members had discussion and review of the 2008 legislative priorities for MACDDS. Ron Kruse made a motion to accept the priorities as proposed and seconded by Jennifer Wooldridge. Motion carried.

CARF—**Ron Kruse** Ron will report tomorrow

Missouri Foundation for Health—**Doris Boeckman**—Application still pending for the capacity building grant. The grant would allow Jane Kruse to bring in experts from other states to explore options with the Medicaid Waiver. Initial call went really well. Doris received word that the grant was funded for \$17,500, but they needed a revised budget form.

College of Direct Support – Roger Garlich—as of this month 1078 learners are enrolled. Have had 85 graduates. Entering the third year of the funded grant. Have another 12 months. Looking for two new training centers. Budget request is going to the Division and the Division has requested a budget item which will continue to fund the College of Direct Support and provide an incentive to individuals who complete the program. 87% of the learners said that they would continue to work for their employer or stay in the field of MR/DD. Other states using the program have reported a decrease in turnover since using the College of Direct Support. All courses will be annotated by October 31. MACDDS voted to fund \$5000 from MACDDS for the three years. It is not currently reflected in the budget, but since it has been voted on and approved Vicki will discuss with Pete and get it in the budget.

Les Wagner brought up a bill that did not make it through last year's session, but which MACDDS may want to support this year. It would establish a levy much like SB40, but directed toward children's services.

Vicki adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

MACDDS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 27, 2007

Meeting called to order by **President Vicki McCarrell** at 9:12 am

Introductions were made.

Discussion centered around TCM hiring with Jim Lowery of Cole County offering to help by providing a Human Resources session for counties new to staffing. It was mentioned that the base salary for case managers is \$35,000. Marcus Whitlock reported he had seen a study on state case manager's salaries with the average at about \$39,000.

Lauren Swift, Assistive Technology Coordinator

Show –Me Tech Services for Independent Living, Columbia provides high and low tech device services for individuals with a disability in the selection, acquisition or use of the device. Assistive Technology Act is a federal mandate. AT for sensory disabilities; vision, hearing, speech and motor/mobility disabilities, also cognitive/psychiatric disabilities. Lauren passed around several examples of equipment and explained the various resource programs. Equipment Technology Consortium (ETC) short term equipment loan program; AT Reimbursement, DESE funds for schools Kids Assistive Technology (KAT) for children under 21; Show-Loans & Telework Loans, low interest loans for home modifications and work from home; and AT Recycling programs including low cost computers and medical equipment. More information can be found at www.at.mol.gov.

Pamela Byars, Missouri Planning Council – Partners in Policymaking

Partners in Policymaking is a leadership training program designed for adults with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. It is about achieving, independence, productivity, integration, inclusion and self determination. It is about systems change. It consists of eight two day sessions that covers topics include, History of Disability Movements, Quality Education, Person Centered Planning, Supports, Community Organizing, Legislative issues, procedures and process. and Assistive Technology. There are applications available from the Planning Council at www.mpcdd.com or call 1-800-500-7878. Graduates of the program are involved in Regional Advisory Councils, the Planning Council, Local Head Starts, MOSPAN, MO-TASH, LICC's, AAMR, other state and local boards and organizations. Sessions are held in Columbia from February through September, except the April Session which is the legislative session held in Jefferson City. There are no fees, travel expenses are covered as well as housing and meals.

Bernie Simons, Director MRDD Division of DMH

Continuing the discussion on TCM, Bernie explained the "Redirects" of the 484 state case managers, 114 will be reassigned to Quality Assurance. The other case managers may be used in "valued day" positions i.e. supported employment, leisure activities, etc. Only 34% of people with disabilities have jobs. Need to coordinate the various types of employment opportunities such as sheltered workshop, through competitive employment. There will be jobs for current employees in Provider Relations and Customer Relations, but the numbers are still unknown since they cannot control where these employees will go if they decide to seek other positions.

Jeff Grosvenor, Deputy Director

Jeff redistributed the TCM Analysis for Community Partnership Development and went through the estimates for each scenario. Question: How much money spent on TCM by Office of Administration and other state agencies not included in these scenarios? Answer: Only the Office of Administration has TCM expense through leases of office space. Since the Division does not know when that space may not be needed, the leasing (under HB13) amounts still need to be

determined. These amounts are not a major expense. Question: What happens if the Feds change the match rate? Answer: Same thing if the division had to deal with it, they would go the legislature and ask for the difference. However it may be a good thing, if you do a 50% match rate on a quarterly assessment you're not billing every unit. It is administrative claiming from a study for a three month period, would establish the rate for the whole year. Question: If the regional case managers are not taking the community jobs, what will they do? Answer: Not sure but may be waiting to see how the program works out. Design is being worked out, following FY09 Bernie knows they will need 33 positions one for "value day" and one each for self directed services and educational coordination for each of the 11 regions. Anticipate another 80 to 90 total for the regions. Say a total of 200 positions which means a reduction of 284 positions. There were other questions regarding the redesign of the system to which answers were hard to predict. The need to make the TCM work on a community basis is necessary to complete the redesign of the system. The concern of some of the members was selling this to the local boards. The Division would still have the responsibility for funding services for those on the wait lists, however, they will need to look at those lower on the list and see if intervention could prevent those people from moving to a higher score. The allocation agreement could be a way to leverage more money from the state for those people not being served. Question: Is TCM still number 26 on the budget? Answer: It is number 24, the priorities for the Division are all above the line in allocations and are favorable. Question: What is the time line for privatizing TCM? Answer: Two years maximum Question: What level of training will you have for counties which do not have case management now? Answer: The group on the restructure has staff that will do training. It will be a support role. Question: How do you pay for non Medicaid case managers? Answer: There is enough revenue coming from Medicaid to pay for non Medicaid case management. The TCM group will meet October 10th and will determine the next step for the Division in regards to participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm

MACDDS ATTENDANCE
Wednesday, September 26, 2007

County -----	Name -----
Adair	Nanette Davis
Audrain	Tim Crews
Boone	Les Wagner
Buchanan	Lynn Wells
Callaway	Chuck Snow
Camden	Pete Breting
Cole	Jim Casey
Cooper	Vicki McCarrell
Franklin	Ron Kruse
Greene	Jan Jones
Howell	Jem Duffin
Jackson	Jake Jacobs
Jasper	Alecia Nissen
Jefferson	Jennifer Wooldridge
Lafayette	Marcus Whitlock
Lincoln	Mary Sullivan-Thomas
Macon	Wendy Hayes
Moniteau/Pettis/Saline	Roger Garlich
Montgomery	Dan Cole
Osage	Jennie Ames
Pike	Betsy Barnes
St Charles	Peg Capo
St Francois	Irvine Rudasill
St Louis County	Joyce Prage
Taney	Max Lytle
Staff	Doris Boeckman
RPO Members	
Emmaus Homes	Carol Baer & Dennis Kramer
First Call Staffing	Jen Nichols
Woodhaven	Cindy Bush

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