

Adair County SB40 Developmental Disability Board

Executive Director's Report – April, 2021

Service Coordination – Current caseload = 408. Logging for March was 1,106 hours, which is the highest it's been for six months. As I mentioned previously, two service coordinators resigned when told that DMH requires us to resume in-person visits on April 1st. They have both been replaced. Crystal Amini-Rad started on April 1st and Ann Askew started today, April 12th. Virgie continues to work part-time to help out. Our other newer SC is covering half a caseload and is continuing her training. The remaining SCs have returned to work full-time following various periods of leave. As more people are vaccinated and we resume face-to-face visits, there is a feeling of hope that we will soon be getting back closer to “normal”.

Infrastructure – We are allowing limited in-person meetings in the McPherson conference room by appointment only. Mandt trainings are also being conducted with limitations at the Community Learning Center. We hope to set an official reopening date soon. Tiffany has assembled and set up our new sign-in kiosks.

Accountability – John Gillum performed the FY2020 audit on March 18th and 19th. We also had our annual work comp audit, which resulted in a premium credit as the staff were working remotely for most of the policy year. On March 2nd, we participated in the statewide tornado drill.

Talent/Leadership – We continue to celebrate successes and work to build morale during this ever-changing time. We will be holding an outdoor in-person all-staff lunch on April 21st, while also celebrating Administrative Professionals Day. Team members continue to do ongoing cybersecurity training, which is a priority as several SB40s have been targets of cyberattacks.

Community Engagement –Melissa continues to offer virtual programming as well as Mandt training for providers. At this time, we do not expect to hold our traditional summer employment program; however, Melissa is working to develop some activities to help meet the same goals.

MACDDS – We continue to meet virtually with legislators to discuss the importance of fully funding DD services and are very hopeful to see progress for the coming year. All withholdings for the current fiscal year have been restored. We continue to watch Senate Bill 24, which would eliminate property tax on personal property by 2025. This would greatly affect us in Adair County as personal property accounts for 22% of our assessed valuations. There will be a quarterly training on April 28th about supporting a remote/hybrid workforce. The search continues for a new Executive Director, and we continue to explore a partnership with MARF, the state association for disability service providers. We will also be partnering with MOPELRA for our annual conference to be held in Columbia 9/29-10/1.

Other –

The Division of Developmental Disabilities announced the hiring of Jessica Bax as the new Division Director. She will replace Val Huhn who was promoted to the position of Deputy Director for the Department of Mental Health. Jessica has more than 16 years of experience with the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Community Opportunities Sheltered Workshop has hired Arthythe Curtis as their new Executive Director. Arthythe has several years of experience in healthcare administration.

Meetings/Events attended:

- 3/10/21 All-Staff Meeting
- 3/10/21 KLI Info Session-Julie
- 3/10/21 Work Comp Audit
- 3/10/21 Champions of Employment-Andy
- 3/11/21 UR Committee Meeting
- 3/11/21 HIPAA Huddle
- 3/11/21 SC Interviews
- 3/12/21 MOPELRA Board Meeting
- 3/12/21 Happy Half Hour
- 3/12/21 VBP/LEAP Workgroup
- 3/15/21 MACDDS Exec Comm Mtg
- 3/15/21 MANDT Mtg
- 3/16/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 3/16/21 Meeting w/Val Huhn
- 3/17/21 TCM Team Meeting
- 3/17/21 Area Scene
- 3/18/21 CASSP
- 3/18/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 3/18/21 MACDDS Board Meeting
- 3/18/21 System of Care
- 3/18/21 MACDDS Governmental Affairs
- 3/18-19/21 John Gillum Audit
- 3/19/21 DMH Conference Call
- 3/19/21 Comm Opp Bd Mtg
- 3/19/21 DSP Apprenticeship Mtg
- 3/22/21 MACDDS Exec Comm Mtg
- 3/22/21 Joint MACDDS/MOPELRA Mtg
- 3/23/21 Mtg re Conference Room Usage
- 3/24/21 MACDDS Finance Committee Mtg
- 3/24/21 MACDDS Conference Committee Mtg
- 3/24/21 MACChat
- 3/25/21 MACDDS Membership Meeting
- 3/26/21 UR Committee Meeting
- 3/26/21 VBP/LEAP Workgroup
- 3/26/21 Happy Half Hour
- 3/29-4/9/21 Nancy Vacation
- 4/2/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 4/5/21 HOLIDAY – Office Closed
- 4/6/21 Employee Relations Meeting
- 4/7/21 TCM Team Meeting
- 4/7/21 MACDDS Exec Comm Mtg
- 4/9/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 4/9/21 VBP/LEAP Workgroup
- 4/9/21 Happy Half Hour
- 4/12/21 Monthly TCM Conference Call
- 4/13/21 Management Team Mtg
- 4/13/21 Board Meeting

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- 4/14/21 All-Staff Meeting
- 4/15/21 CASSP
- 4/15/21 MACDDS Board Mtg
- 4/15/21 System of Care
- 4/15/21 MACDDS Governmental Affairs
- 4/16/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 4/16/21 DMH Conference Call
- 4/16/21 Comm Opp Bd Mtg
- 4/19/21 MACDDS Exec Committee Mtg
- 4/20/21 CLC Team Meeting
- 4/20/21 Mtg w/Val Huhn
- 4/20/21 Mtg w/Jim Davis from Huber
- 4/21/21 TCM Team Mtg
- 4/21/21 All-Staff Lunch
- 4/21/21 Area Scene – ATSU
- 4/22/21 Joint MACDDS/MOPELRA Mtg
- 4/22/21 VBP Meeting
- 4/23/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 4/23/21 LEAP Workgroup Mtg
- 4/26/21 MACDDS Exec Comm Mtg
- 4/28/21 MACDDS TCM Meeting
- 4/28/21 MACDDS Conference Comm Mtg
- 4/28/21 MACDDS HR Training
- 4/28/21 MACChat
- 4/29/21 MACDDS Membership Mtg
- 4/30/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 5/3/21 Monthly TCM Conference Call
- 5/3/21 MACDDS Exec Comm Mtg
- 5/4/21 Employee Relations Mtg
- 5/4/21 Governmental Affairs Mtg
- 5/4/21 Quarterly Provider Mtg
- 5/4/21 Management Team Mtg
- 5/5/21 TCM Meeting
- 5/6/21 Charting the LifeCourse Stakeholder Mtg
- 5/7/21 UR Committee Mtg
- 5/10/21 MACDDS Exec Comm Mtg
- 5/11/21 Board Meeting
- 5/12/21 All-Staff Meeting