

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County ~ EITAS
Planning & Services Committee Meeting
 February 18, 2009

Topic/Issue	Minutes	Summary of Action Taken or Pending
Attendance	Bill Anderson, Rosetta Robins and Barbara Winkler, Board Members. Jake Jacobs, Nancy Nicolaus, Patti Phillips and Kathleen Ganaden, Staff. No guests.	
Call to Order	Barbara Winkler, Planning and Services Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM at the Administrative offices of Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County, 8508 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Missouri.	
Program Update - Nancy Nicolaus	<p>Nancy Nicolaus, Support Services Supervisor shared that she and her team have been working with the various EITAS agencies and promoting a more “person centered” approach to all aspects of an agency operation.</p> <p>At the last Gentle Teaching training with Dr. John McGee, ten more persons were certified as mentors. Some of these mentors are already training and have reported numerous success stories. Additional Gentle Teaching training sessions are scheduled for July and September of this year. Dr. McGee has also agreed to conduct a session in Spanish.</p> <p>Support Specialists have been working with EITAS Service Coordinators and taking numerous intake calls to determine a person’s eligibility for services.</p> <p>In closing, Ms. Nicolaus stated that she would be attending Arc monthly meetings. The Arc is a national community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p>	Information
Program Update – Patti Phillips	Patti Phillips, Support Coordinator Supervisor opened her report by sharing that EITAS is currently providing Service Coordination services to 360 people. The wait list of people wanting EITAS Service Coordination services has grown to 154.	

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<p style="text-align: center;">Program Update - Patti Phillips Continued</p>	<p>EITAS Support Coordinators meet monthly and each Coordinator has the opportunity to contribute to the meeting agenda. A system has just been developed for internal filing of confidential files. The Service Coordinators are now trying to establish “uniformity” in daily activities.</p> <p>In closing, Ms. Phillips shared that she and Nancy Nicolaus met with staff from the Comprehensive Mental Health office. At the meeting ideas were explored on how the EITAS Support Service teams can work with Comprehensive Mental Health Services to fill the gaps in, Mental Health Services for persons with developmental disabilities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Developmental Disability Awareness Month</p>	<p>Jake Jacobs, Executive Director shared that March was Developmental Disability Awareness month. In an effort to promote awareness throughout the Greater Kansas City area, nine 12’x24’ billboards have been contracted to be put up all over the Jackson County area. In addition, we will be developing a number of activities during the month.</p> <p>Mr. Jacobs has also been in contact with the UMKC School of Dentistry and is working with the school to visit our various facilities with a team consisting of a dentist, hygienists and technicians. The practice of dental care and hygiene has been lacking amongst people with developmental disabilities and Mr. Jacobs hopes to change that.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to read the new Metropolitan Council on Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) update issue on Women’s Health. This is a project funded by EITAS. The project provided training that promoted the individual acquisition of skills related to a healthy lifestyle. With the success of the women’s program, many have expressed an interest in a curriculum for men’s healthcare.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March is Developmental Disability Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UMKC School of Dentistry team to visit EITAS facilities</p>

<p>New Business</p> <p>Old Business</p>		
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<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Staff</p>	