

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County ~ Eitas
Planning & Services Committee Meeting
 July 15, 2009

Topic/Issue	Minutes	Summary of Action Taken or Pending
Attendance	Barbara Winkler and Rosetta Robins, Board Members. Jake Jacobs, Nancy Nicolaus, Catherine Sterrett, Patti Phillips and Kathleen Ganaden, Staff. Guest: Bob Adams.	Information
Call to Order	Barbara Winkler, Planning and Services Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:26 PM at the Administrative offices of Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County, 8508 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Missouri.	
Program Update – Support Services Nancy Nicolaus	Nancy Nicolaus, Support Services Supervisor opened her report by stating that she did not have anything new or different to report from last month. Ms. Nichols and Tracy Mauk have been trying to complete quarterly reports and prepare for Gentle Teaching training the week of July 20.	
Service Coordination Patti Phillips	<p>Patti Phillips, Service Coordinator Supervisor reported that 956 hours had been billed for May or \$85,572. Due to the Memorial Day holiday and three coordinators in training for a week - the per coordinator hours had dropped to 96 hours per person.</p> <p>Ms. Phillips shared that a few terminally ill clients that had made their transition over the last few months had all received Vitas Innovative Hospice Care which Ms. Phillips and her team feel are very good. Kansas City Regional Center (KCRO) prefers that people go to a nursing home, but Ms. Phillips and associates believe that it is best for people to stay in their own home.</p>	
Service Coordination Kathy Sterrett	<p>Kathy Sterrett, Service Coordinator Supervisor shared with the Committee that this past month she has been interviewing applicants in an effort to fulfill her team of ten Service Coordinators. Mrs. Sterrett is very impressed with the attributes of her current team of six.</p> <p>Mrs. Sterrett and Ms. Phillips will be attending Fred Pryor Supervisors Training in August.</p>	

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Retreat Discussion – Mission & Values	<p>Jake Jacobs, Executive Director shared that he was still awaiting a synopsis from Amanda George relating to material from the Board Retreat this past June. In the interim, he has asked the Administrative Team to submit mission and/or value statements. The Administrative Team will review those statements submitted and the agreeable statements will then be presented to the Board for discussion and review.</p>	Information
Old Business	<p>Jake Jacobs shared that Rainbow Center did close Rainbow Options I on Fifth Street in Blue Springs. Everyone from the closed facility was moved to a newly opened area in their administration building. Mr. Jacobs is having a meeting this week with the Executive Director of Rainbow Center and will advise the committee of any new information.</p> <p>The Fifth Street building is an eitas facility. Should Rainbow Center plan to keep the location permanently closed a decision will have to be made as to what to do with it.</p>	
New Business	<p>Mr. Jacobs shared that he is meeting with John Bane, Dental Supervisor for Truman Medical Center East (TMCE) because the UMKC Dental School cannot oblige us as initially thought. Mr. Jacobs is hopeful TMCE will be able to work with eitas and provide the dental services needed for people with developmental disabilities.</p> <p>Mr. Jacobs asked Michael Haseltine, Deputy Director to come to the table to share information about Concept Proposals. Mr. Haseltine shared that twelve proposals were received and each one was reviewed individually by a panel of four. Six of the proposals were declined. The other six proposals were invited to submit a FY2010 Funding Application. One proposal is on hold as it has to do with dental services and the review panel would like to know the outcome of Mr. Jacobs’s meetings with Mr. Bane before making a decision. Four of the six acceptable proposals have to do with developing person centered descriptions, community connection to explore employment career planning, training and community based employment. The last proposal accepted was from Kansas</p>	

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New Business Continued	<p>City Parks and Recreation about recreational opportunities, individualized accommodations and supports and establishing partnerships with residential care facilities and vocational rehabilitation agencies for people with developmental disabilities.</p> <p>Concluding, Mr. Jacobs shared that each year eitas contracts annually with the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) for Service Coordination services and DMH agrees to allocate a portion of the state funds based on the number of coordinators on staff. Last year eitas had an allocation of \$220,000, but this year, because eitas has been hiring more Service Coordinators and will be hiring more Service Coordinators plus hiring two coordinators who worked at the Kansas City Regional office (KCRO) eitas will receive a larger allocation. The total contract this year will be for \$469,000 in allocations for Service Coordination which became effective July 1, 2009.</p>	Information
Public Comment	None.	
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Staff</p>	