

CMISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS
Fall Board Meeting, Sunday, November 21, 2021
2 to 4 pm
Margaritaville Resort, Osage Beach, MO

The annual fall board meeting was called to order by President, Amanda Huffman @ 2 pm. A sign-in sheet was passed around to be signed.

The pledge was led by President Amanda Huffman and Chaplain, Lisa Reitzel gave the prayer.

Quorum was established. Those present are as follows: Amanda Huffman (President), Annette Bertelsen, Theresa Lupardus, Kaley Reagan, Lisa Reitzel, Charli Ackerman, Carol Johnson, Cher Caudel, Robin Naeger, Tonya Garvin, Linda Niendick, Mary Jo Stratman, Paula Simms, Lori Fuerst, John Pruitt, Karen Digh Allen, Mary Jo Colley, Steve Farmer, Rhonda Noe, Danielle Boggs.

Secretary, Cher Caudel, read minutes of the Spring board meeting aloud. Motion to approve the minutes by Danielle Boggs, seconded by Lisa Reitzel. Motion carries.

Cher Caudel also read aloud correspondence received from family of Craig Scobey and from Paula Simms and family.

Treasurer, Rhonda Noe, gave treasurer's report. Total assets \$91,230.44. See Attached Report. Motion to approve by Steve Farmer seconded by Carol Johnson. Discussion on income and expenses from conference as well as other expenses answered by Rhonda Noe. Rhonda also noted Executive Board has a goal to develop an operating budget. Motion for approval of treasurer's report carries.

Officer Reports:

President Amanda Huffman went to the NGA conference in October. She encouraged all to put this conference in their budget to be able to attend next year as it was very informative. She presented the MAPA guardianship study at the conference along with Carol Johnson, John Killian, and Karen Digh Allen. In August she attended the online Real Voices Real Choices conference and presented "Help I Was Appointed A Public Administrator Guardian, Now What?" with Karen Digh Allen, Steve Farmer, and Cher Caudel. Amanda also attended legislative meetings, the MAC summer board meeting, and Region 8 training in October. She graduated the NACO leadership Academy this year as well.

Vice-President, Danielle Boggs, also attended the NGA Conference and said the new email system is up and running.

Region VP Reports:

Region 1: Annette Burtelsen had nothing to report.

Region 2: No report

Region 3: Carol Johnson reported that 2 of the new PAs in their region attended the NGA conference and that will be meeting next week to prepare for conference April 12-15, 2022.

- Region 4: Reported their region will meet for Christmas party.
- Region 5: No report
- Region 6: Karen Digh Allen reported the death of Ann Scarlet of Montgomery County.
- Region 7: No report
- Region 8: No report
- Region 9: No report

DMH Report was submitted by Cher Caudel. See attached report.

Legislative Report by Karen Digh Allen. She encouraged everyone to meet with their legislators in their districts. MAPA will be pursuing salary bill again this year by addressing how letters are counted as well as the PITP bill requesting that a forensic case monitor from DMH for clients who committed significant crimes.

Appointments:

MAC- Amanda thanked those who were attending MAC annual conference. Wanted to make everyone aware of the Steering Committees available to be a part of through MAC. Also Public Administrators' office was added to the MAC resolution of unfunded mandates of the state to counties. Also are working to get all the lobbyists from each state association within MAC to work together.

New Business:

2022 Conference is April 12-15 which falls outside of the dates allowed in bylaws. There was discussion of allowing exemptions to those PAs who may have conflicts that week. There was also discussion of changing when the annual conference is held.

Discussed offering CGC certification sponsorship and calling it the "Carolyn Little Award". Motion was made by Carol Johnson to offer scholarships each year to pay the expense of obtaining certification through CGC and another one to obtain Master Guardian certification through CGC. Seconded by Steve Farmer. Motion carried.

Danielle proposed a public Facebook page for MAPA that would promote positive image and "good press" of MAPA and its members. Lisa Reitzel made a motion to pursue a public Facebook page. Cher Caudel seconded. Discussion on what the legal issues might be. Motion carries with approval of MAPA attorney Luke Boyer.

There was discussion of having the MAPA books audited by an outside source or organization. Will explore the cost of an outside audit and discuss at a future meeting.

Karen Digh Allen reported information from the MAC legislative committee meeting. She reminded all to try to attend MAC Legislative days in April.

Steve Farmer made a motion to start a discussion group to improve the juvenile to adult transition with Children's Division. There was not a second so tabled to discuss later.

Cher Caudel reported that the MAC nominating committee will present Carol Johnson for treasurer on its slate of officers for next year.

Lisa Reitzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Steve Farmer. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cher Caudel". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Cher Caudel
MAPA Secretary
with the assistance of Lisa Reitzel

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MAPA TREASURER'S REPORT

November 21, 2021

CHECKING:

Commerce Bank

Lobby Fund #1220

\$ 2,924.22

General Fund #1221

\$11,218.55

CD'S:

Commerce Bank #6220583576

\$11,751.56 (*matures 5/19/2022*)

Commerce Bank #6220676676

\$37,601.88 (*matures 12/09/2022*)

Commerce Bank #6220676677

\$27,734.23 (*matures 12/09/2022*)

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$91,230.44

(Total Assets reported on April 20, 2021 at MAPA Annual Conference Board Meeting were \$81,340.28)

Respectfully submitted on November 21, 2021 (MAPA Fall Board Meeting)



Rhonda Noe, MAPA Treasurer

MAPA DMH Committee Report

November 21, 2021

We had a committee meeting 9/24/2021 via WebEx and discussed the following:

1. Liaisons continue to meet with DMH Executive staff on a quarterly basis.
 - a. Topics discussed during August 9, 2021 Meeting
 - b. *continued concern over lack of long term residential psychiatric care*
 - i. **Response – Agency is aware of need. This is part of a multi-year discussion and most attempts to add FTEs (new full time staff) or beds within state hospitals are refused by Legislature.**
 - c. making clients “homeless” in order to increase PON
 - i. **Response – this is not DMH policy and is poor advice. Deputy Director will follow up with local staff to correct.**
 - d. *Identify DMH participants in task group working on Guardianship Study recommendation implementation – esp. as related to residential care.*
 - i. **Response – very interested in conversation, especially if it carries the imprimatur of the Governor. DMH participants not yet identified. Next approach to Governor’s office to include discussion about staffing shortages.**
 - e. COVID
 - i. **DD providers at rock bottom, no capacity for new clients, 150 people on database over 100 days;**
 - ii. **Staffing issues at all state facilities – recruitment challenges**
 - iii. **Habilitation centers consolidating temporarily for staffing issues**
 - iv. **Conditional release clients decompensating and going back to hospital**
 - v. **Residential providers closing (e.g Oak Tree and Star Care) b/c rates and inability to hire staff**
 - f. Other Topics Introduced/Discussed
 - i. **Psychiatric LTAC (long term acute care) – discussions with Missouri Hospital Association, Truman Medical Center about developing units**
 - ii. **Increase in CBHLs (community behavioral health liaisons) by 50**

- iii. **Mobile teams to jails – eastern team now staffed and operating**
- iv. **DD side working on expanding Rolla, Hab Center Crisis/Respite beds**
- v. **Possible Lunch and Learn – using technology for monitoring on DD side**

2. Rate Stabilization

- a. FY 2021 received grant to raise lower range of provider rates
- b. 2 Year plan to complete down rate adjustments
- c. 2021 money from single grant and so is it unclear how DMH will fund future years' rates
- d. Intensive Residential Behavior programs
 - i. Rolla program received approval for Medicaid funding this summer

3. Staffing Crisis

- a. DMH Facilities – possible group home closure and reduction in beds at state hospitals
- b. Community Providers – multiple RCFs closing

Italicized items are also topics being discussed at the MAPA Guardianship Study Coalition Discussion Group

Just a reminder if you are experiencing a particular issue with DMH and have attempted to resolve the issue but have run into barriers please complete a DMH Provider Issue form and email to John Killian or Cher Caudel to be referred through the proper channels.

Also, we are planning to finally have Kim Stock present on Due Process at our February Lunch & Learn.