

PRODUCTIVE LIVING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 10, 2007

St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis J. Buhr, Chairman
Marsha J. Bonds, Vice Chairperson
David L. Ruecker, Treasurer
Sarijane M. Freiman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Timothy R. Barrett, Immediate Past Chairman
Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary
Debbie Bentele
Cary Hammond

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Prage, CPA, Executive Director
Brian Bond
Glen Goldstein
Marilyn Nenninger
Shawn Thomason
Dennis Yarbrough

INVITED GUEST:

Michael Maguire, Executive Director, Options for Justice

GUESTS PRESENT: (See attached)

Mr. Buhr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Due notice had been published.
Mr. Buhr declared the absence of a quorum.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Prage updated the Board on the following activities:

PLB Consumer Satisfaction Survey

Satisfaction surveys were recently mailed to all consumers that received services during FY'07. The results will be compiled and shared with the Board and PLB funded agencies.

PLB Sponsored Training

The Productive Living Board is sponsoring a seminar; *Planning For and Promoting an Abuse- and Neglect-Free Environment*, for direct support professionals in collaboration with St. Louis Community College, on Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the St. Louis Community College Meramec campus.

Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism

The Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism met in St. Louis on August 31, 2007 and has meetings scheduled throughout the state through the end of September. The sixteen (16) member panel has been charged with identifying issues of children, youth and adults with autism and with making appropriate recommendations to address those identified needs. The panel is looking at the effectiveness and efficiency of existing services and examining existing and potential state and private partnerships. The outcome is to determine, develop and recommend steps necessary to position Missouri as the national leader in best practices in treatment, training, research and family supports in autism.

Bellefontaine Habilitation Center

Based on recent findings in an annual Medicaid survey, the Department of Mental Health has changed its plans to build a new state facility at Bellefontaine. Proposals will be requested from community providers to temporarily serve 128 clients on the BHC campus with the intent to move them to the community within a two-year period. A new state facility of 40 residential beds and 12 acute-care beds continues to be part of the state plan.

Division of MRDD FY 2009 Budget – New Decision Items

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>GR</u>
3% Increase for Community Providers	TBD	TBD
MRDD Waiting List Support individuals with a UR Score of 9-10 for approximately 400 individuals and 10 new case managers	\$12.3M	\$5.3M
Autism Services Funding to support at least 400 individuals with Autism and 10 new case managers	\$ 9.3M	\$5.3M
Community Partnership Service Coordination Reduce caseloads through approximately 60 new case managers employed by SB 40 boards.	\$ 4.5M	\$1.7M
Rewarding High Performing Providers Provide a 3% increase to providers who achieve and maintain national accreditation	\$11.8M	\$5.9M

Ms. Prage introduced Michael Maguire, Executive Director of Options for Justice.

Mr. Maguire gave an overview of Options for Justice, from its beginnings as a program started by the PLB to its present operations as an independent nonprofit agency. The program has achieved great success in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities who are in the criminal justice system and in providing training to the St. Louis County and St. Louis City police academies as well as other professionals in the criminal justice system.

Open Forum for Comments from the Public

Several parents and family members of W.A.C. employees expressed their appreciation of W.A.C. Industries for providing meaningful employment to their children and family members, and thanked PLB for funding W.A.C. and other sheltered workshops in St. Louis County.

Ms. Zeller thanked the PLB for funding transportation for her son to a St. Louis City sheltered workshop and for eliminating the transportation user fee.

Secretary's Report

Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no Secretary's Report.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Buhr announced that Ralph Berberian has resigned from the Productive Living Board as of June 30, 2007, and read a statement thanking Mr. Berberian for his years of service on the Vocational Services Committee and for his dedicated service to the PLB and support of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Treasurer's Report – *David L. Ruecker, Treasurer*

Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Ruecker provided an overview of the recently completed PLB audit and of the reduction in the PLB's tax rates for 2007 due to rates capped by the state's cost of living increase of 2.6%. This will result in a reduction in the anticipated revenue for FY'2008.

Standing Committee Reports

Administration Committee – *Marsha J. Bonds, Chairperson*

Due to the absence of a quorum, no Board Action items were voted upon.

Vocational Services Committee – *Cary Hammond, Chairman*

Due to the absence of a quorum, no Board Action items were voted upon.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene H. Fahrenkrog, Secretary

As recorded by Marilyn Nenninger, Executive Administrative Assistant

Guests Present

Dee Froneyberger	W.A.C. Industries
Lucille Lochmann	W.A.C. Industries
Arleen Heaton	W.A.C. Industries
Ruth Tate	W.A.C. Industries
Jo Ann Wheelis	W.A.C. Industries
Bob Wheelis	W.A.C. Industries
Victoria Noecker	W.A.C. Industries
Dorothy Bryant	W.A.C. Industries
Dennis Delf	Parent of Consumer
Yvonne Delf	Parent of Consumer
Adam Delf	Consumer
Calvin Denno	W.A.C. Industries
Joan Denno	W.A.C. Industries
Jim Breitenstein	W.A.C. Industries
Ray Hanley	W.A.C. Industries
Angela Trepeske	W.A.C. Industries
Virginia Van Horn	Parent of Consumer
Cindy Van Horn	Consumer
Bob Kaemmerer	W.A.C. Industries
Judy Wanko	W.A.C. Industries
Robin Reuter	Consumer
Karen Hudson	Parent of Consumer
Amber Hudson	Consumer
Susan Hamilton	W.A.C. Industries
Marlene Zahrndt	Parent of Consumer
Chris Zahrndt	Consumer
Kathy Tracey	W.A.C. Industries
Linda Barton	W.A.C. Industries
Carol Clevelen	W.A.C. Industries
Ron Clevelen	W.A.C. Industries
Mrs. Barbara Eichols	W.A.C. Industries
Cliff Kruse	Parent of Consumer
Frances Kruse	Parent of Consumer
Pat Kruse	Consumer
Trudy Sasseen	W.A.C. Industries
Tom Schiller	W.A.C. Industries
Pat Torillo	W.A.C. Industries
Beverly Brassil	W.A.C. Industries
Mark Rudolph	W.A.C. Industries
Tim Wilbanks	W.A.C. Industries
Blaine Word	W.A.C. Industries
Gail Walker	Sister of Consumer
Dave Walker	Brother-in-Law of Consumer
Mark Seidler	Consumer
Sharon Sedlack	W.A.C. Industries
Tim Sedlack	W.A.C. Industries
Ray Karasek	W.A.C. Industries
Marilyn Ruemmler	Parent of Consumer
Michael Cheung	Consumer

Guests Present

Charles Schneider	W.A.C. Industries
Dorothy Schneider	W.A.C. Industries
Judy Brusselback	Parent of Consumer
Karen Bircher	Parent of Consumer
Beth Bruns	W.A.C. Industries
Dan Bruns	W.A.C. Industries
Joann Johnson	W.A.C. Industries
Robert Lamar	W.A.C. Industries
Linda Romero	W.A.C. Industries
Ruth Bossch	W.A.C. Industries
Ron Bossch	W.A.C. Industries
Diana Morrow	W.A.C. Industries
Anna Hose	W.A.C. Industries
John Hose	W.A.C. Industries
Claudia Siebert	Consumer
Jennifer Meyer	St. Louis Arc
Michael Maguire	Options for Justice
Jeanne Marshall	Judevine Center for Autism
Janet Wright	Rainbow Village
Thom Meininger	Life Skills
Becky Meininger	Life Skills
Cynthia Whitley	Life Skills
Nicole Johnson	Life Skills
Rob Libera	Lafayette Work Center, Inc.
Marge Zeller	Parent Advocacy Group
Kristi Gianino	United Cerebral Palsy
Barb Crites	St. Louis Society
Steve Frank	Valley Industries
Charles Fischer	Canterbury Enterprises