

**Minutes**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Developmental Disabled Resource Board**  
**Of**  
**Clay County**  
**June 24, 2014**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm on June 24, 2014 by the Chair, Bill Taylor. Present at the meeting were Gary Steinman, Heath Roberts, Steve Elliott, Alan Naylor, Pat Schoenrade, Tom Bradley and Chairman, Bill Taylor. Guests included Les Wagner, Executive Director of MACDDS and Ann Graff, Executive Director of Children's Therapy Center. Also present was Brian O'Malley.

After introductions Bill asked Les to give an update on the Governor's recent veto of the State's tax bill which included a number of provisions for helping agencies that serve persons with developmental disabilities. Rate increases for agencies were scaled back as was Medicaid funding. Much discussion followed this presentation speculating on what it means to those being served.

Bill then invited Les to discuss the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS) and why Clay County should continue/renew its membership. Les distributed material about the organization including a list of the top ten benefits of belonging to MACDDS. Ann Graff spoke as well about the benefits to belonging and highly encouraged the board to consider joining. After several questions Les and Ann were asked to leave so the Board members could discuss the issue.

The Board discussion included: How the fee increased to \$15,000 per year. How much time Brian has to participate. How valuable the membership can prove to be for the Board. The importance of communicating what MACDDS is doing throughout the year. Recognizing that the Board is essentially hiring a lobbyist. Recognizing that through MACDDS the Hope Waiver was created and has been a

**very good resource for those we serve. No firm recommendation was determined and the issue was deferred to the next board meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brian O'Malley**