

**Shawnee County Council of Community Members
Minutes
October 27, 2004**

Members present:

Nick Cobos, Chair	Lisa Smith, Vice Chair
Gary Cooper	Elena Ivanov
Elda Remington	Neysa Ummel
Barbara McCummings	Mary Weston
Thelma Clark	Kathy Stiffler
Pat Miller	Joyce McConnell
Donna Holstein	Rozanne Holloway

Nick Cobos, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6: 07 p.m. Nick welcomed the group and discussed his objectives/expectations for the 2004-2005 year.

1. More names/faces with the numbers.
2. More sharing of information amongst council members
3. Problem solving- practice systems enhancement through developing/offering solutions, suggestions, etc.

Nick also shared a summary of session at Interhab conference featuring CSS Staff.

Minutes: Minutes from the Council meeting of September, 29 (consent agenda) were approved as written.

Presentation: Rocky Nichols, Executive Director of KAPS/ Disability Rights Center of Kansas, gave the council a background on the agency and discussed the main priority cases that KAPS/DRC can accept.

These priorities are:

1. Intake and Assessment
2. Legal representation.... Currently 47 cases
3. Advocacy Representation
4. Self Advocacy
5. Information and Referral

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

CDDO Report: Dawn Cummings presented her report to the council (see attached).

Other: Dawn announced that Kerri Bacon, Kansas Council on Disability Concerns, is scheduled to attend our next council meeting to give a presentation on advocacy.

Lisa Smith, Council Vice Chair, discussed the idea of the council holding a symposium on dual diagnosis and or miss-diagnosis issues for people in Shawnee County. Lisa, Joyce and Nick will explore this idea.

Next Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday January 26, 2005 at 6 p.m. at TARC.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Cummings
Secretary