

**Shawnee County Council of Community Members
Minutes
January 26, 2005**

Members present:

Nick Cobos, Chair	Donna Holstein	
Lisa Smith, Co Chair	Gary Cooper	Elena Ivanov
Elda Remington	Neysa Ummel	Kathy Stiffler
Pat Miller	Kathy Stiffler	
Mary Ann Keating	Karen Dorsey	

Guests: Isabel Ferrandis-Edwards
Mercedes Taylor-Puckett
Cecilin Ysaac
Mike Michaelis
Forrest Buhler

Members Absent: Barbara McCummins (notified), Mary Weston, Juliet Banks, Clyde Clark, Thelma Clark, Rosanne Halloway, Elena Ivanov

Nick Cobos, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6: 00 p.m

Minutes: Minutes from the Council meeting on October 27, 2004 were approved as written.

Presentation: Kerrie Bacon, Kanass Council on Disability Concerns, gave the council a hands on presentation on legislative advocacy. Kerri provided members with a legislative process and legislative advocacy guide. A thorough review of affective legislative advocacy was conducted.

Subjects covered were:

Identify how a bill becomes law

Legislative information- important sources/ areas of information at the statehouse.

Keys to writing an effective advocacy letter

Tips for organizing effective advocacy.

Citizens guide to working with your state legislature,

Symposium Update: Lisa Smith and Joyce McConnell shared information with the council regarding the proposed MR/DD symposium. The focus is on community bridge building, identification of service gaps, and system enhancement.

CDDO Report: Dawn Cummings presented her report to the council.

I. Waiting List-
\$886, 490.00 to fund waiting list for Shawnee County in FY 2005.

35 persons offered services

a. 25 accepted services

b. 10 declined

c. 3 accepted then declined after notification period, not allowing the ability to offer additional persons access to funding

II. Governor's Budget Proposal

Overview of Governor's budget request for FY 2006
Recommendations made specific for DD services.
Fund the DD waiting list... approximately \$6M
Rate increase, with objective to, raise direct care wages

III. QA Policy

Dawn presented each member with copy of letter from SRS seeking feedback on QA. Dawn asked for any comments and feedback be sent to her by January 31, 2005.

IV. Resource Fair

Announcement made by SN Transition Council

When- Tuesday April 12, 2005

Time- 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Where- Washburn University

Why Community resources for persons with disabilities and their families.

Next Meeting-

March 30, 2005

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6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Cummings
Secretary
Shawnee County Council of Community Members

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