

**Shawnee County
Council of Community Members Minutes
August 31, 2005**

Members Present:

Lisa Smith	Joyce McConnell	Karen Dorsey
Elda Remmington	Mary Ann Keating	Reggi Greco
Gary Cooper	Juliet Banks	Donna Holstein
Nick Cobos	Barbara McCummins	Ramona Macek

Members Absent:

Elena Ivanov	Neysa Ummel	Clyde Clark
Thelma Clark	Mary Weston	Pat Miller

Nick Cobos, Council Chair called the meeting to order.

Reggi Greco was elected Secretary for the Council.

Minutes were approved from the May 25, 2005 meeting with the change of July 27, 2005 meeting rescheduled to August 31, 2005.

Meeting minutes form March 2005 not yet approved.

Nick Cobos advised updating of council handbooks with current membership.

Discussion of changing locations of council meetings. Nick Cobos will inquire as to the possibility of the use of Washburn University and the Topeka Public Library. TARC offered the continued use of their facilities.

Nominating sheets were distributed to members requesting copies. Nominating requests have been sent to all case management agencies.

Regarding concerns identified in July 24, 2005 letter to council members. Feedback has been received by executive committee. Executive committee has met with ramona Macek and Mary Ann Keating. It was reported to have been a positive meeting based on facts and serious issues. Executive committee reported positive directions resulted from meeting. Discussion was opened for feedback. There are some changes reported in the DD Reform Act. Further discussion needed regarding what changes were made and why they were implemented.

Regarding Capacity Building Plan. Need to advertise open meeting and encourage attendance.

Reviewed July 26, 2005 Capacity Building Plan Report was approved for submission to the CDDO with addition of Donna Holstein, member of Advisory Committee of Accessible Transportation. Para transit task force is now a part of the council.

A subcommittee will meet to discuss revision of by-laws. Joyce McConnell, Elda Remington, Lisa Smith, Juliet Banks, and Karen Dorsey will participate on this committee. There will not be time line set for this committee.

Discussed possibility of council members receiving minutes from CDDO oversight committee.

Discussion of long term goals

- promote CCM in community
- announce meetings more in newspaper, radio, etc.
- on line mailbox where people can e-mail concerns
- create training for community (training trainers)
- council having booth at 'provider fair' in the spring

CDDO Report-

- July CDDO statistics report received
- CDDO website is currently on line
- concerns regarding lack of increase in 'in home supports'
- request for statistics to show how many children vs adults were found to be in crisis
- waiting list for people with no service is 82 and 2006 forward is 82
- of those people who have something, but have requested additional supports, there are 27 people wanting home modifications, 49 waiting for enhanced in home supports, 97 day services, and 89 residential.

Handouts were given to members regarding CDDO members, their responsibilities, and committees on which they participate. Announcements of trainings on Coalition for Persons Aging with DD and NADD Teleconference, Supporting Relationships and Creating Quality PCSP's

Educational manual will have information available to people with developmental disabilities and community as a whole.

Next Meeting
October 19, 2005
6:00-8:00
Place to be announced