

**SHAWNEE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
MINUTES
October 18, 2006**

Present:

Nick Cobos, Chair
Ramona Macek, Director, Shawnee County CDDO
Mary Ann Keating
Elda Remington
Donna Holstein
Lisa Smith
Joyce McConnell
Pat Miller
Barb McCummins
Karen Dorsey
Mary Weston
Kari Ramos

Welcome:

Nick Cobos, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes:

Council members reviewed the minutes from the August 2, 2006 meeting. It was noted that the minutes approved August 2, 2006 were for the meeting on May 31, 2006, which was not noted in the minutes. With the correction noted, the minutes were approved by the Council.

Updates

Lisa Smith led a discussion of the Council by-laws. She reported that she, Elda, Joyce and Nick had researched a number of other Council of Community Members by-laws in Kansas, as well as Article 64—Developmental Disabilities—Community Development Disability Organizations (CDDO's) and wanted to discuss their recommendation for changes to the current by-laws for Shawnee County. A draft of the changes is attached to these minutes.

Lisa shared a number of areas that she and the Executive Committee felt would be beneficial to the Council in developing goals to be achieved by the Council of Community Members. It was believed that additional demographic information on persons supported in Shawnee County with developmental disabilities would be helpful in knowing who the Council represented and what their needs were. In addition, reports on pending legislation and monitoring activities at both the state and federal level would be useful. The Council would also like to have speakers' present information on a variety of topics including HCBS service delivery, waivers in the state, BASIS, the Developmental Disability Reform Act, the autism waiver and the KU Community Tool Box. The Council continues to express interest in sponsoring a symposium in Shawnee County for parents, providers and persons with disabilities. They also would like to work on a capacity building plan, as well as continuing the development of an informational resource library and information on best practices in the disability field.

The Council was reminded that the SRS Website (www.srskansas.org) has both Articles 63 and 64, as well as the DD Reform Act on their website should Council members wish to review them. Ramona stated that the CDDO would also add these and other resource material to the CDDO's web page.

There is an interest by the Council to have a message board on the Shawnee County CDDO website where other Councils across the state could exchange information and ideas, as well as persons in Shawnee County, who the Council represents.

A question arose about the monthly Affiliate meeting that the Shawnee County CDDO has with their affiliates. It was suggested posting affiliate meeting minutes on the CDDO website. Ramona will work with the CDDO Information Technology Assistant to have the minutes posted on the website.

Mary Ann Keating commended the Executive Committee and the Council for the progress they had made in the revision of the by-laws and their vision in determining a platform for the future work of the Council.

CDDO Report

Due to the in depth discussion of the by-laws and future council goals the CDDO Monthly Affiliate Report was not given verbally. The written report indicated that there were 908 individuals receiving services in Shawnee County (645 adults and 263 children) in September 2006. Two crisis requests were reviewed by the CDDO. Both requests were denied as they did not meet the state's definition of a crisis. Two individuals changed their Day Service provider and 6 persons changed case managers.

Ramona informed the Council that SRS Secretary Daniels was hosting a stakeholders meeting on October 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and that any member of the Council was welcome to attend. The meeting is held in the Docking Building downtown and is offered state wide via teleconference.

Next Meeting

The next Council of Community Members meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. An optional dinner and social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the TARC Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Keating