

SHAWNEE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

MINUTES

June 27, 2007

Present:

Nick Cobos, Chair
Ramona Macek, Director, Shawnee County CDDO
Mary Ann Keating
Elena Ivanov
Barb McCummins and Harley
Karen Dorsey
Mary Weston

Welcome

Nick Cobos, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Nick offered some opening remarks. He thanked everyone for coming and apologized for the short notice of the meeting. He stated this meeting would provide an update on various issues as it had been awhile since the last meeting. He hoped the next regularly scheduled meeting would get the Council back on track. Several members of the Executive Committee are still interested in the Council's activities but their schedules have been unusually busy.

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 7, 2007 meeting were unavailable.

CDDO Report

Ramona Macek, Shawnee County CDDO Director provided the CDDO update. 931 persons were receiving services in Shawnee County in May, 2007. 656 were adults and 275 were children. 848 individuals were receiving case management services.

Eight persons were determined to be in crises from July 1, 2006-through June 30, 2007. In May one crises request was received, reviewed and approved having met the criteria for crises.

There were multiple persons changing providers during May: 13 persons in Day services, 14 in Residential, 11 in Case Management and 3 for In Home Supports. The CDDO has been encouraging people to choose a case manager so that they would receive ongoing support rather than having the CDDO provide limited case management services.

Nine persons were determined eligible for services. One new person was ported in from another CDDO area.

Referral sources continue to come from a diverse number of sources including parents, attorney's, Family Service and Guidance, Family members, KVC Behavioral Healthcare, Shawnee County Infant Toddler Program (TARC), TARC Children's Services, TARC PACT Program and Achievement CDDO in Atchison, Kansas.

Ramona also provided the Council and update on the SRS/CDDO contract. A Needs Assessment Tool is being developed for children in Foster Care who have

a developmental disability to justify the child's needs for additional support beyond regular foster care.

Prior authorizations will be completed by the state in 10 days.

The Bi-Annual Rate Study will be completed in 2007. If SRS requests a provider to supply information for the rate study they must comply or they will not longer be able to a community service provider per the contract.

A BASIS work group was established to revise the BASIS manual and develop consistent guidelines for the interpretation of BASIS and provide consistency across the state.

The Council was reminded that the meeting minutes for the SRS/CDDO Stakeholder meetings were posted on the SRS website.

It was hoped that an employment collaborative effort can be accomplished with VR to improve employment options for persons with disabilities.

The State Wide Funding Committee (SWFC) will be looking at the possibility of enhancement of services for persons on the waiting list.

A number of changes were made to Appendix F of the contract as the CDDO will no longer be the enrolled TCM provider. There is also a change in billing for TCM from an encounter method to a 15 minute billing with a cap of 60 hours per persons for the calendar year.

Other Business

Mary Ann Keating provided the Council a handout on the Money Follows the Person Grant that transfers dollars from institutional settings into community programs for qualified individuals that exit an institution into qualified community setting. A summary of the grant is attached to these minutes.

Mary Ann also reported that the Legislature approved \$2.5 million for rates and \$3.9 million for waiting list for FY 08. State grant funds were increased \$306,868, the first increase in state grant funds in several years.

A postcard will be sent out in June letting the Council know the date of the next meeting. A second postcard will also be sent out a week before the meeting in the hopes of getting increased attendance at the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Council of Community Members meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 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