

**Shawnee County Council of Community Members
Minutes
September 26, 2007
6pm
2701 Randolph**

Present:

Nick Cobos, Chair
Lisa Smith Co-Chair
Ramona Macek, Director Shawnee County CDDO
Mary Weston
Elda Remington
Elena Ivanov
Barbara McCummins
Karen Dorsey
Gary Cooper
Kelly Zink
Ruby Collins, Guest Speaker

Welcome:

Nick Cobos, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. Nick passed out the minutes from the June 27, 2007 meeting to the committee members. Changes to the minutes were made but there was not a corium to the get them approved at this meeting. Nick would like to get the meeting minutes for the March 7, 2007 minutes at the next meeting for approval by the committee.

Guest Speaker:

Ruby Collins from the People United Organization in Topeka gave a 20 minutes presentation. She shared a brochure and a People First Language card with the committee members. Ms. Collins went in to detail who the committee could become involved in the organization. The next People United meeting is going to be at KNI on the 16th of October from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Barbara McCummins shared her concerns she had with the Topeka Transit Lift Program.

Kansas Medicaid Audit:

The committee discussed wasteful spending and fraud of the Medicaid System. Elda Remington presented information that she had research on billing fraud. She shared several websites that the committee members can go to get more information. They are www.piperreports.com and oig.hhs.gov/fraud.html

The committee would like SRS to explain the reappointment that has occurred between the State of Kansas and CMS. Lisa Smith will draft a letter to the TARC Board of Directors asking for support to send a letter of inquiry to the Secretary of SRS. The letter will formally ask for an explanation of the several reappointments that have happened in the last few years and/or are currently happening. Lisa Smith will e-mail the letter to Nick Cobos and Ramona Macek before the end of the week.

CDDO Report:

Ramona Macek, Shawnee County CDDO Director provided the CDDO update. Time was limited and the report was given to committee members to review. She also passed out information on the Money Follows the Person Grant Summary.

Other Business:

Nick remind the committee that it will be time to elect new officers to the committee. A post card to remind committee members will be sent out the week before the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Council of Community Members meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24th 2007 at 6:00pm.

Recorded/submitted

Kelly Zink, Director, Dream Catchers Case Management