

**SHAWNEE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2008**

Present: Nick Cobos, Chair
Kelly Zink
Gary Cooper
Ramona Macek, Director, Shawnee County CDDO
Mary Ann Keating, Executive Director, TARC

Absent: Joyce McConnell, Barbara McCummins, Elda Remington,
Lisa Smith, Mary Weston

Welcome:

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

Introductions were made of people in attendance:

Elizabeth Dill, adult TARC Self Determination client/consumer
Bruce Dill, Parent and Service Provider of Elizabeth Dill
Linda Heine, adult Sheltered Living client/consumer
Kelly Zink, Case Management Provider, *Representative to Council*
Anna Marie Lammers, Retired Self-Determination Director
Nick Cobos, past client/consumer and Chair *Representative to Council*
Mitzi Tyree, Self-Determination Director, Provider Representative
Ramona Macek, Shawnee County CDDO *Representative to Council*
Tana Crawford, Parent/Guardian of EquiVenture adult consumer
Mary Ann Keating, TARC Executive Director *Representative to Council*
Gary Cooper, adult client/consumer *Representative to Council*

Discussion between members resulted in agreement that a Quorum was present in Nick Cobos, Gary Cooper, and Ramona Macek with Kelly Zink abstaining.

Members voted in favor of accepting into the Council all new attendees at this meeting. New members will be added to existing Council membership.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting were approved.

Leadership Transition Report:

In the absence of Lisa Smith, Vice-Chair, Nick Cobos suggested moving that agenda item to the next meeting. Bruce Dill made the motion. Kelly Zink seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Positions open are Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Duties and terms were discussed. Voting were the existing Council members in attendance. New Officers begin duties at adjournment of this meeting.

Bruce Dill was nominated for Chair. The nomination was accepted. No other nominations were made. Bruce Dill was voted in as Council Chair.

Kelly Zink and Linda Heine were nominated for Vice Chair. The nominations were accepted. Linda Heine was elected to Vice Chair.

Tana Crawford was nominated for Secretary. The nomination was accepted. No other nominations were made. Tana Crawford was voted in as Secretary, and agreed to keep minutes of this meeting.

CDDO Director's Report:

Ramona Macek began by acknowledging and thanking Nick Cobos (outgoing Council Chair) for his service and contributions to the Council and CDDO.

She then distributed a handout (attached) of statistics on people receiving and requesting services in Shawnee County as of February 2008. She noted that the information becomes available at the end of the month following the report month, which is why March 2008 data is not included.

She also distributed an informational flyer for RRAPS, a "Learning Experience" offered by the Shawnee County CDDO. The program was developed to educate and reinforce consumers on promoting their own Rights, Responsibilities, Advocacy and Personal Safety.

Ramona reviewed some of the CDDO collaborations with other organizations to enhance training and information exchange all around. Other agencies include Families Together, Valeo Mental Health Center, KVC (Kaw Valley Center for Behavioral Health and Foster Care), The Capper Foundation and area educators.

It was noted that House Bill 2761 has gone to Senate Bill 365. The Bill includes eliminating waiting lists for services and increasing wages for direct service staff.

Next Meeting(s):

Membership agreed to continue scheduling regular Council meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month, as designated in the By Laws.

A meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 in the TARC Training Room. The purpose of the meeting is new-Member Orientation, CDDO Overview, and Leadership Transition report from Lisa Smith, past Vice Chair. A 5:30 p.m. social (Pizza and Soda) will be provided. Mitzee Tyree volunteered to notify potential new members of the meeting.

The next regular Council of Community Members meeting is Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., with an optional 5:30 p.m. pizza social.

Minutes respectfully submitted for review on 4/1/08.

Tana Crawford