

**SHAWNEE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
MINUTES  
March 27, 2013**

**Agenda Item I. Call to Order by Barbara McCummins, Co-Chair, at 4:05 p.m.**

**Agenda Item II. Membership Roll Call by Secretary.** Quorum present.

Linda Heine	Consumer Member, Chair	Excused
Barbara McCummins	Consumer Member, Co-Chair	Present
Jan Powell	Guardian/Consumer Rep.	Absent
Ramona Macek	CDDO Rep.	Present
Mitzie Tyree	Provider Rep, Sheltered Living	Present
Alison Prekopy	Consumer Member	Present
Jason Barrett	Consumer Rep.	Absent
Michele Heydon	Provider Rep, Sunflower Supports	Present
Shannon Zeilinger	Parent/Consumer Rep.	Present
Carolyn Mowery	Parent/Consumer Rep.	Present

**Agenda Item III. Review January 30, 2013 meeting minutes**

Barbara motions to approve the January 30, 2013 meeting minutes and Alison seconds. The motion carries.

**Agenda Item IV. Old Business**

Membership: Review nominees

Ramona reviewed the council nominees with the membership. First nominee Cindy Cooper, motion to approve by Ramona, Mitzie seconds and motion approved; Ashley Flanagan, motion to approve by Ramona, Michele seconds and motion approved; Cari Blankingship, motion to approve by Ramona, Alison seconds and motion approved. Ramona will notify the nominees they have been approved to join the Council and will share the upcoming May meeting date and time.

Health care & KanCare:

Mitzie shared that United Health Care and Amerigroup are contracted with St. Francis hospital and not Sunflower State Health Plan. Express Care & Urgent Care is not contracted with Amerigroup. Both of these situations have caused problems for people receiving services because they no longer have a choice of hospitals or express care in Topeka. It also has been reported that when individuals call to schedule an appointment at their doctor's office, the office staff will not schedule the appointment unless they are contracted with the Medicaid beneficiary's assigned MCO. Ramona reminded the membership that the state of Kansas indicated the a person may continue with their primary care physician even if they are not in the MCO network and the physician will be reimbursed at 90% of the rate. It is recommended people call the KanCare Ombudsman if they experience difficulties and have concerns. Providers may also submit their questions/concerns to KDADS.

The KanCare website has the MCO contact phone numbers listed although it is not beneficial when the people taking the call are not helpful or friendly. It was mentioned that dental is covered except there aren't dentists in Topeka contracted with any of the MCOs. Michele stated that Marian Clinic does have a contract with the MCOs and will

schedule appointments. The dental visit covers polishing not deep cleaning. The value added services seem to be very limited. Shannon shared that when someone has private insurance and KanCare; the deductible will be paid by the MCO automatically after private insurance.

#### **Agenda Item V. New Business**

##### Lift transportation pilot project:

Mitzie shared Topeka Metro Transit will have a pilot program for people who currently ride the Lift. In May, the current riders should receive a letter asking if they would like to participate in the pilot. Due to the decrease in riders, the pilot will determine if the regular bus service has the capacity to meet the need. Participants in the pilot will receive rides for free. Barb has concerns if there would not be door to door service because the distance she would need to go from her home to the bus stop location. The membership discussed other concerns for the riders would include the lack of sidewalk wheelchair accessibility and bus stop shelters.

#### **Agenda Item VI. CDDO Report - Ramona Macek**

Ramona reviewed the CDDO statistical report. There are 1062 adults and children receiving services in Shawnee County. There have been 25 people approved for crisis funding since July 1, 2012.

The KanCare I/DD pilot has approximately 500 participants statewide and 27 service providers. There are 42 participants from Shawnee County. The CDDO and case manager will automatically be involved with the pilot when a beneficiary volunteers. It was asked if the providers participating would be shared. Ramona said she will check to see if the provider participants are posted on the KDADS website.

#### **Agenda Item VII. Legislative Update –**

HB2029 Carve out I/DD services from KanCare permanently.

SB194 – moved to HB2155. This bill changes the current system structure for eligibility determinations and case management. It also changes the DD Reform Act as written and the state indicated they would not implement changes to the DD Reform Act.

HB2155 has been passed over and retained on the calendar. Legislators are out of session until April 1.

#### **Agenda Item VIII. Questions or comments from the membership.**

Mitzie encouraged Alison to work on getting the self advocacy group established in Topeka. Alison stated she will contact SACK for assistance.

#### **Agenda Item IX. Next regular Council Meeting**

The next meeting is May 22, 2013 at 4:00pm. Upcoming meeting dates: May 22, July 24, Sept. 25 and Nov. 20.

#### **Agenda Item X. Adjournment**

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ramona Macek on March 29, 2013.