

**SHAWNEE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
MINUTES  
March 28, 2012**

**Agenda Item I. Call to Order by Linda Heine, Chair, at 4:05 p.m.**

Introductions. Nominees were invited to attend today's meeting and two of the four nominees were present; \*Shannon Zeilinger and \*Carolyn Mowery. Corrina Clements & Jan Powell were unable to attend the meeting.

**Agenda Item II. Membership Roll Call by Secretary.** Ramona volunteered to scribe minutes. Quorum present.

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| Linda Heine        | Consumer Member, Chair           | Present |
| Barbara McCummins  | Consumer Member, Co-Chair        | Present |
| Frances Boudreau   | Consumer Rep, Secretary          | Absent  |
| Ramona Macek       | CDDO Rep.                        | Present |
| Mitzie Tyree       | Provider Rep, TARC               | Present |
| Alison Prekopy     | Consumer Member                  | Present |
| Jason Barrett      | Consumer Rep.                    | Absent  |
| Michele Heydon     | Provider Rep, Sunflower Supports | Present |
| *Shannon Zeilinger | Consumer Rep.                    | Present |
| *Carolyn Mowery    | Consumer Rep.                    | Present |

**Agenda Item III. Review September 28, 2011 & November 30, 2011 meeting minutes**

Ramona makes motion to approve the September 28, 2011 and November 30, 2011 meeting minutes. Alison seconds and motion carries.

**Agenda Item IV. Old Business**

Membership: The Council cast ballot for the council nominees; Shannon Zeilinger, Carolyn Mowery, Corrina Clements and Jan Powell. The Council members voted and approved the four consumer representative nominees.

2012 Council Goal – Mitzie apologized for not having a draft goal for today's meeting and asked a couple of members to assist her with writing a new goal to present at the next meeting. Michele and Shannon volunteered to assist Mitzie. The 2012 draft goal will be discussed during the meeting in May.

Ramona explained the survey process that was done in 2009 and how the items were prioritized by the Council. The first priority was identified by the number of responses returned that indicated the lack of public transportation. The Council was actively involved with Topeka Metro this past year. Unfortunately, even though members advocated, attended meetings and wrote letters, routes and services were eliminated to reduce costs. The next priority identified is health care and number of physicians who accept Medicaid in Topeka.

**Agenda Item V. New Business**

None.

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

Ramona provided a handout that summarized Council member's role and responsibilities according to the By-Laws. The information was reviewed as orientation for the new members and as a refresher for current members.

The CDDO statistical report was also reviewed. There are 1050 adults and children receiving services in Shawnee County and no new affiliated providers. There were 14 crisis requested reviewed and approved since July 1, 2011. Approximately 300 people are on the local waiting list for services.

The Autism Carnival is April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-4pm. A copy of the brochure was provided.

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

KanCare is to be implemented on January 1, 2013 if not delayed. The State will contract with three, for profit Managed Care Organizations. A KanCare Advisory has been appointed by the Governor to monitor the MCOs.

HB2457 – Carve out DD waiver services from managed care. (No update)

HB2764 – Requires insurance companies to cover specific treatment/therapy for autism disorders.

Ramona commented that the Kansas Health Institute posts a variety of articles regarding legislative updates on their website so she will send the link to members.

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

Mitzie talked about the upcoming Employment Summit and encouraged members to participate. She explained the process and the attempt to address system barrier issues. Mitzie also brought up that Alison trying to establish a Self Advocacy group in Topeka and may need assistance. Ramona stated that the CDDO will continue to distribute any information about meeting time/locations with affiliates and case managers.

Carolyn commented that her daughter is one of the children selected for the pilot insurance coverage program offered by State of Kansas. She said it has been beneficial.

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

The next meeting is May 23, 2012 at 4:00pm. Ramona asked the Council if it is ok to change the meeting to May 30, 2012 at 4:00pm since she would be unavailable on the 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Contract negotiations. Council approved to reschedule the meeting on May 30, 2012 at 4:00pm. A copy of the upcoming meeting dates for 2012 were distributed.

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

Linda adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ramona Macek March 30, 2012.