



# Topeka-Shawnee County Emergency Aid Council

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Community Resources Council of Shawnee County, Kansas, Inc.

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**DATE: November 4, 2011**

**Minutes by: Camille Cushinberry, CRC**

**Present: Patty Cornett-BTH, Dhonna Maas-K/Gas, Rachele Vega- Retana- City of Topeka/HND, Kay Powell-SCHA, Brain Cole-Dept. of Corrections, Reta Boggs-Westar Energy, Patricia James-Westar Energy, Karen Siebert-Harvesters, Nancy Myers-Rhoades-Heartland RADAC, Nancy Johnson-CRC, Camille Cushinberry-CRC, Brenda Brown-Community Action, Jeff Karas-TRM, Teresa Holmer-Gatekeepers, Jimena Vallejos-Gatekeepers, Denise Fasse-Let's Help, Jessica Kejr-Harvesters, Winona Dickson-SRS, Donna Wilson-UW, and Laura Rice-Community Action Head Start.**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
<p><b>Westar Energy Presentation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ways to use energy wisely?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Changing your light bulbs to the more energy efficient bulbs</li> <li>○ Setting your thermostat at a set rate</li> <li>○ Do not use space heaters to heat your whole house.</li> <li>○ Turn off lights when you leave the room and try to unplug as many appliances you can when you're done using them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Westar goes into schools (K-12) to inform the students how to save energy at home and how to educate their parents on saving energy as well.</li> <li>• Draft stoppers are really good for light switch fixtures around the house.</li> <li>• Westar will be installing smart meters in Lawrence so that it will be easier to turn on and off service, and to also be able to fix a problem without sending someone out</li> <li>• The Cold Weather Rule started at the beginning of this month and will go to the beginning of March.</li> <li>• Westar offers a home energy savings workshop every evening and on Saturdays. Its a few hours on how to save energy in your home.</li> <li>• You can always go and visit the website for more information. ( <a href="http://www.westarenergy.com">www.westarenergy.com</a> )</li> </ul>	<p>Thank You Westar Energy for a very informative presentation and hosting the Emergency Aid meeting.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRC-Will become a membership base organization as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.</li> <li>• Harvesters- Different Listings for Food Pantries on the website. ( <a href="http://www.harvesters.org">www.harvesters.org</a> )</li> <li>• Let's Help- GED orientation on December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have people that are interested they have to sign up before the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.</li> <li>• SRS-January 18<sup>th</sup>- March 30<sup>th</sup> anyone can sign up for the LEAP program.</li> <li>• Kay Powell- handed out a couple of fact sheets about WIC and explained who and how they help.</li> <li>• Brain Cole mentioned that there was a slight increase in the jail this year but the numbers are also lower then they had been in the past couple of years.</li> </ul>	



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**Next Meeting, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Workforce Center/Parole,  
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**Agenda for 10/2/2011**

- 1. Presentation: Workforce Center-Kelli Martinez**
- 2. Announcements**