

Nebraska Children's Commission – Psychotropic Medication Committee

First Meeting
September 25, 2012
2:30-4:30PM
BryanLGH West – West Classroom 1
2300 South 16th, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Jen Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:30pm and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the back of the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Jennifer Nelson, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Pam Allen, Beth Baxter, Amanda (Blankenship) Sabata, Sara Goscha, Carla Lasley, Kayla Pope, Gary Rihanek, Blaine Shaffer, Kristi Weber, Vicky Weisz, and Gregg Wright.

Subcommittee Members arriving after roll call: Norman Langemach.

Also in attendance: Tara Troy, LPS Special Education; Sarah Wonder, Nebraska Federation of Families; and Kelli Hauptman, Through the Eyes of the Child.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Sara Goscha to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Kayla Pope. A unanimous voice vote of members present was received. Norman Langemach was absent. Motion carried.

Adopt Procedural Rules

Roberts Rules of Order

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to adopt Roberts Rules of Order, seconded by Pam Allen. Voting yes: Jennifer Nelson, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Pam Allen, Beth Baxter, Amanda (Blankenship) Sabata, Sara Goscha, Carla Lasley, Kayla Pope, Gary Rihanek, Blaine Shaffer, Kristi Weber, and Gregg Wright. No opposition. Absent: Norman Langemach. Motion carried.

Rule for publication of public notices

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to give published notice of meetings to the public by posting to the Nebraska Government Website public meeting calendar, seconded by Blaine Shaffer. Voting yes: Jennifer Nelson, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Pam Allen, Beth Baxter, Amanda (Blankenship) Sabata, Sara Goscha, Carla Lasley, Kayla Pope, Gary Rihanek, Blaine Shaffer, Kristi Weber, and Gregg Wright. No opposition. Absent: Norman Langemach. Motion carried.

Self-introduction of Committee Members

Committee members introduced themselves giving a brief overview of their background.

Norman Langemach arrived at 2:43PM.

Overview of Committee duties and resources

Jen Nelson and Candy Kennedy-Goergen provided an overview of the committee's duties. The purpose of the committee is to:

"Examine state policy regarding the prescription of psychotropic drugs for state wards and the administration of these drugs to state wards. This committee shall review the policy and procedures for prescribing and administering these drugs and make recommendations to the commission."

The resources available were also reviewed including reviewing the meeting handouts.

DHHS Overview

Sara Goscha and Blaine Shaffer presented information they received at a conference on a Federal policy call to action to address issues related to psychotropic medications and children in foster care. The information included presentations on Trauma Informed Care.

General Discussion

The group discussed various issues that may need to be addressed in the examination of state policy regarding the prescription of psychotropic drugs for state wards. The topics included issues with getting second opinions, consent processes used by other states, empowering parents, training workers and others on trauma related issues, and the need for additional data on medication histories. The group also discussed the need to meet in October instead of waiting until November.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is October 10, 2:30 – 4:30pm, at BryanLGH West – Hospital Cafeteria – Private Dining Room.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Blaine Shaffer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Rihanek. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.