

Nebraska Children's Commission

Fourth Meeting
September 14, 2012
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Lincoln Heights Hotel – Lincoln Airport
1301 West Bond Cir, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 9:01am and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the back of the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer.

Commission Members absent: Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Lisa Lechowicz, and John Northrop.

Ex Officio Members present: Ellen Brokofsky, Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Hon. Linda Porter, and Vicky Weisz.

Ex Officio Members absent: Senator Lavon Heidemann

Also in attendance: Governor Dave Heineman; Jeremiah Blake from the Governor's Policy Research Office; Nathan Busch, Bonnie Engel, Sara Goscha, Vicki Maca, Wes Nespor, Terri Nutzman, and Leesa Sorensen from the Department of Health and Human Services; and Elton Larson from the Department of Administrative Services.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Jennifer Nelson. A unanimous voice vote of voting members present was received. Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Lisa Lechowicz, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of July 16, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012, meeting, seconded by Janteice Holston. A unanimous voice vote of voting members present was

received. Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Lisa Lechowicz, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of September 14, 2012, Report to the Health and Human Services Committee

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to approve the September 14, 2012, report, seconded by Candy Kennedy-Goergen. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Lisa Lechowicz, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Public comment was received from Sarah Helvey of Nebraska Appleseed who thanked all those who participated in the meetings on September 13, 2012. It was noted that 85 stakeholders participated in the meetings. Notes from the meetings and group discussion times will be made available on the Nebraska Appleseed website.

John Northrop arrived at 9:28am.

Chairperson's Report

Status of RFP's

Karen Authier noted that the RFPs were still in process and would not be complete until September 17, 2012. The process could result in a variety of outcomes, especially if the cost for the top ranked proposal proponent was not satisfactory. If the outcome of the RFP was not satisfactory, then it was noted that another approach would need to be taken including the possibility of hiring a facilitator.

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into a contract with the top ranked proposal proponent on the Strategic Planning RFP 4079 Z1, if the final contract cost is reasonable and would leave sufficient funds to carry out the remaining provisions of LB821 from the funds appropriated for that purpose. The motion was seconded by David Newell.

Mary Jo Pankoke then made a motion to amend the main motion by adding the phrase "with consultation of the Commission's executive committee," after the "Department of Health and Human Services". The motion was seconded by Becky Sorensen. The Commission voted on the amendment as follows: Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale

Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein, Martin Klein, and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

The Commission then voted on the revised main motion as follows: Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: Norman Langemach. Gene Klein, Martin Klein, and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Psychotropic Medication Committee

Jennifer Nelson provided a written report with the final membership list for the Psychotropic Medication Committee. The committee's first meeting will be held on September 25, 2012.

A motion was made by Kerry Winterer to approve the Psychotropic Medication Committee report, seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein, Martin Klein, and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

Martin Klein arrived at 9:32am.

Juvenile Services Committee

Martin Klein provided an update on the Juvenile Services Committee, including a written report.

Marty Klein made a motion to accept two new members to the committee – Pastor Tony Sanders and Dalene Walker. Janteice Holston seconded the motion. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to accept the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee report, seconded by Thomas Pristow. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

Thomas Pristow provided an update on the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, including a written report.

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to accept the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report, seconded by Candy Kennedy-Goergen. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

IV-E Demonstration Project Committee

Thomas Pristow provided an update on the IV-E Demonstration Project Committee, including a written report.

A motion was made by Susan Staab to accept the IV-E Demonstration Project Committee report, seconded by Janteice Holston. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Gene Klein and Lisa Lechowicz were absent. Motion carried.

Children and Family Services Report

Thomas Pristow presented information on DDHS activities related to the IV-E waiver and other objectives the department is moving forward on at this time.

Legislative Report

Update on Interim Studies

Senator Campbell provided an update on the Interim Studies assigned to the Health and Human Services Committee that have been scheduled for public hearing. She specifically noted the hearings on October 5 and October 25 that may be of interest to Commission members.

Recessed at 10:02am.

Reconvened at 10:22am with all members present as before.

Strategic Planning General Discussion

Beth Baxter provided the committee copies of the notes that came from small group discussions that took place on August 14, 2012 after the Commission meeting. The notes were provided as a discussion starter for items to consider in the Strategic Plan.

New Business

General Discussion no action item

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is October 19, 9:00-12:00pm, at the Lincoln Heights Hotel.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Marty Klein to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas Pristow. The meeting adjourned at 11:59am.