

Nebraska Children's Commission

Fifth Meeting
October 19, 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 9:03am 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, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer.

Commission Members absent: Janteice Holston, Lisa Lechowicz, David Newell, 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; Sara Goscha, Wes Nespor, Terri Nutzman, and Leesa Sorensen from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Susan Staab to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Kerry Winterer. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Janteice Holston, Lisa Lechowicz, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of September 14, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Thomas Pristow to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2012, meeting, seconded by Jen Nelson. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Janteice Holston, Lisa Lechowicz, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Karen Authier noted that the Strategic Planning RFP process resulted in a determination that the costs of all proposals were above funding allocated for the project. Karen requested a motion authorizing DHHS to reject all proponent proposals.

A motion was made by Gene Klein to authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to reject all proponent proposals submitted in response to Strategic Planning RFP 4079 Z1. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Janteice Holston, Lisa Lechowicz, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

The next step was to solicit proposals for a strategic planning facilitator as determined at the August Commission meeting. The Executive Committee reviewed responses to the solicitation and recommended that DHHS contract with Burnight Facilitated Resources to facilitate the Strategic Planning process. Karen requested a motion to select Burnight Facilitated Resources as the facilitator for the Nebraska Children's Commission strategic plan.

A motion was made by Gene Klein to select Burnight Facilitated Resources as the facilitator for the Nebraska Children's Commission strategic plan. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Janteice Holston, Lisa Lechowicz, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

Cross-Systems Analysis RFP

Thomas Pristow presented information on DHHS activities related to the Cross-System Analysis RFP. Thomas noted that the RFP process was complete and Public Consulting Group, Inc. has been selected to perform the cross-systems analysis for DHHS. He reported that Public Consulting Group was scheduled to begin the analysis process the week of October 22, 2012.

Legislative Reports

Senator Campbell thanked the Commission for attending previous public hearings and noted that handouts were available from the LR529 and LR525 hearings that were held on October 5. She also provided an update on upcoming Health and Human Services Committee public hearings on LR537 and LR533 scheduled for October 25. LR537 provides for an interim study on unmet needs of and gaps in services available to youth who transition or “age out” of Nebraska’s foster care system. LR533 provides for an interim study to examine whether there are sufficient resources in schools to detect and treat mental illness in school-age children.

Senator Coash also thanked the Commission for supporting the public hearings. He noted that he was pleased with the information that was provided in the hearings and asked the Commission to keep the hearing information in mind as the Commission is finalizing recommendations for the Health and Human Services Committee. Senator Coash also noted that handouts from the LR525 hearings were available from his office.

Strategic Planning General Discussion

Deb Burnight and Brenda Thompson led the Commission members through a facilitated discussion in which participants were asked to describe a system of care in 2015 that will effectively support a prevention/intervention system of care in order to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children and families across the State of Nebraska. The Commission members worked through the facilitated process to identify discussion groups that will continue the dialog on what should be included in the Commission’s Strategic Plan recommendations.

New Business

General Discussion no action item

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is November 20, 8:30- 2:00pm, at the Country Inns & Suites, Lincoln, NE.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Marty Klein to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomas Pristow. The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.