

Nebraska Children's Commission

Sixth Meeting
November 20, 2012
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Country Inn and Suites, Lighthouse Room
5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 8:35am and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the back of the room as required by state law.

Introduction of New Commission Member

Pam Allen was introduced as a new member of the Nebraska Children's Commission who represents foster parents. Governor Heineman appointed Pam to replace Lisa Lechowicz who resigned on October 24, 2012. Pam did a brief introduction of herself. Pam is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer.

Commission Members absent: Nancy Forney, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen.

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 Nespore and Leesa Sorensen from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Kerry Winterer. A voice vote of the members present was taken. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer.

Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Martin Klein, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of October 19, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Susan Staab to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2012, meeting, seconded by Norman Langemach. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Abstaining: David Newell. Nancy Forney, Martin Klein, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of November 1, 2012, Report to the Health and Human Services Committee

A motion was made by Gene Klein to approve the November 1, 2012, report to the Health and Human Services Committee, seconded by Thomas Pristow. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Martin Klein, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Karen Authier thanked the committee for all the input and ideas that were presented during the strategic planning discussions. Karen noted that the stakeholder input she had received was forwarded to the Commission members for their consideration. Karen noted that the agenda for the day had many areas to cover as the group looked at the direction to take with the strategic plan. Karen noted that the primary work for the day would be basic content agreement and a facilitated discussion on what should be included in the strategic plan draft that would be created, for review on December 11. Karen also noted that a formal approval process would take place to determine how the committee reports would be handled in the plan.

Martin Klein, John Northrop, and Mary Jo Pankoke arrived during the chairperson's report at about 9:05.

Strategic Planning General Discussion

Deb Burnight and Brenda Thompson led the Commission members through a facilitated process to report out on committee recommendations and discussion group recommendations that each group was recommending should be included in the Commission's Strategic Plan.

Jen Nelson and Candy Kennedy-Goergen reported for the Psychotropic Medication committee. They reported that the committee made modifications to the AACAP (*American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*) *Position Statement on Oversight of Psychotropic Medication Use for Children in State Custody: A Best Principles Guideline*. The committee approved the final version of the guidelines during their November 6, 2012, meeting.

Marty Klein and Ellen Brokofsky reported that the Juvenile Services (OJS) committee met on November 8, 2012, to continue their review of the future responsibilities of the OJS administrator and the future role of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers in the juvenile justice continuum of care and plan to provide initial recommendations to the Commission by July 1, 2013. The committee asked that their commitment to have future recommendations be included in the strategic plan as a place holder.

Thomas Pristow and David Newell reported on the activities of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee. They reported on the work the committee had completed to arrive at the proposed foster care reimbursement rate. They also gave a brief overview of the work that was done to develop recommendations on the level of care assessments.

Gene Klein and Thomas Pristow reported on the work of the Title IV-E Demonstration Project committee. They reported on the recommended actions to address barriers to Title IV-E participation and reimbursement. The group also gave a brief overview of the process for applying for the Title IV-E waiver.

Deb Burnight and Brenda Thompson then had the discussion groups present each groups final recommendations that they were suggesting for inclusion in the strategic plan.

David Newell reported on the discussion group recommendations related to “developing technological solutions to information exchange to achieve measured outcomes across systems of care”.

Susan Staab reported on “consistent, stable, skilled workforce serving children and families”.

Mary Jo Pankoke reported on “community ownership of child well-being and timely access to effective services”.

Gene Klein reported on “family driven, child focused and flexible system of care and transparent system collaboration with shared partnerships and ownership”.

As each groups report was presented, Deb and Brenda posted the recommendations for the group to see. The group discussed the recommendations and another version of the plan will be prepared.

A motion was made to break for lunch by Gene Klein, and seconded by Susan Staab. A voice vote of the members present was taken. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent.

The committee recessed at noon for lunch.

The committee reconvened at 12:50pm with a roll call.

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer.

Commission Members absent: Nancy Forney, Jennifer Nelson, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen.

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

The strategic plan facilitation process concluded after lunch with a discussion of the ownership of the outcome of the process and what should be included in the strategic plan. The group made comments that the Commission has ownership of the outcome of the reform process. The group also listed items they would like included in the strategic plan.

Judge Porter left at 1:05pm.

Motions Relating to Committee Reports

Psychotropic Medication Committee Report

Candy Kennedy-Goergen made an original motion to accept and approve the Psychotropic Medication Report with a minor revision to page 2, item 2.b.i., line 5 by replacing the word “formulary” with “review”, seconded by Gene Klein.

Gene Klein made a motion to amend the main motion by adding “and include the report in the December 15 strategic plan report”. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. The Commission voted on the amendment as follows: Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Nancy Forney, Jennifer Nelson, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent. Amendment carried.

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

Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee

Martin Klein made a motion to accept and approve the Juvenile Services report and recommendations for review to be included in the strategic plan and that a place holder should be put in the plan for future OJS recommendations. The motion was seconded by Susan Staab. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Nancy Forney, Jennifer Nelson, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent. Motion carried.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

Thomas Pristow made a motion to accept, approve, and include the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee reports in the strategic plan for the Nebraska Children's Commission, seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke.

David Newell moved to amend the original motion to "accept the report of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee" and strike the part of the original motion to approve and include the report in the strategic plan. The motion was seconded by Beth Baxter. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Voting No: Pam Allen, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. Janteice Holston abstained. Nancy Forney, Jennifer Nelson, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen were absent. Motion to amend failed.

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

Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee

Gene Klein made a motion to accept, approve, and include the Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee report in the strategic plan for the Nebraska Children's Commission, seconded by Susan Staab. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, David Newell, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Thomas Pristow, and Susan Staab. No opposition. Nancy Forney, Jennifer Nelson, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Kerry Winterer were absent. Motion carried.

New Business

General Discussion no action item

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is December 11, 9:00am-12:00pm, at the Country Inns & Suites, Lincoln, NE.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Gene Klein to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Northrop. The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.