

Nebraska Children's Commission – Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee

Fourth Meeting
January 9, 2013
9:00AM-5:00PM
Bryan East, 1600 South 48th Street,
Plaza Conference Room C
Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Ellen Brokofsky called the meeting to order at 9:15am and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker.

Acting as resources to the committee: Tony Green, Dan Scarborough and Amy Williams.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Rachel Daugherty

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Dr. Liz Neeley, Terri Nutzman, and Hank Robinson.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Nick Juliano to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Monica Miles Steffens. A voice vote of all members present was taken. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of November 28, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Kim Hawekotte to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2012, meeting, seconded by Jana Peterson. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

Update on Nebraska Children's Commission Strategic Plan

Marty Klein and Ellen Brokofsky provided members with an update on the final information included in the Nebraska Children's Commission Phase I Strategic Plan. The recommendations included the commitment to have juvenile justice continuum of care recommendations by July 1, 2013. Ellen noted that the plan that was provided to the legislature included juvenile justice in all aspects of the plan.

LR196 Review Committee Report Out

The committee reviewed and had general discussions on Recommendation 5 through Recommendation 23. The group also briefly reviewed recommendation 3 due to additional information that was provided by Nick Juliano.

On Recommendation 5, Ellen indicated that Terri had provided a note that she was still in the process of trying to get the SIG grant/LB542 and LB603 reports. Tony Green was asked to follow up on this for the committee due to Terri's resignation.

The committee had lengthy discussions on YRTC staffing and the focus of the YRTCs. Information was provided during the meeting that the focus of the YRTCs has changed over time with the various directors. The committee also reviewed the revised OJS reporting structure since Terri Nutzman resigned.

DHHS Update

Thomas Pristow and Kerry Winterer joined the meeting to provide a DHHS update. Thomas reported that the OJS administrator position is open. He noted that he is working with Vicki Maca to work with communities to develop options. He noted that the IV-E waiver was being looked at to provide additional money to use in this community development process. Kerry noted that DHHS is trying to work with the various committees to get input.

Legislative Update

Stacey Conroy from Senator Ashford's office provided an update on legislation that Senator Ashford was planning to propose related to juvenile justice. Stacey responded to various questions from the group that were based on an *Omaha World Herald* article that appeared the morning of January 9 related to Senator Ashford's juvenile justice plans. Stacey indicated that the legislation would be introduced as soon as the final version was written.

Next Meeting Date

The group discussed looking at the 2nd Tuesday of every month for meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. The place will be determined as soon as possible.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Forrest to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jana Peterson. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.