

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

Seventh Meeting  
April 9, 2013  
1:30PM-5:00PM  
Nebraska State Capitol (Room 1126)  
1445 K Street, Lincoln, NE

### **Call to Order**

Ellen Brokofsky called the meeting to order at 1:40pm and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

### **Roll Call**

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

Acting as resources to the committee: Stacey Conroy, Tony Green, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, and Amy Williams.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Martin Klein, Anne Hobbs, and Pastor Tony Sanders.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Liz Neeley, Hank Robinson, and Dan Scarborough.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Corey Steel to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Kim Culp. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Judge Larry Gendler, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Voting no: none. Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

### **Approval of March 12, 2013, Minutes**

A motion was made by Nick Juliano to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013, meeting, seconded by Ron Johns. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Judge Larry Gendler, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Voting no: none. Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

## **Co-Chair's Report**

Ellen noted that work was continuing on LB561. She also noted that the committee needed to continue its work as it related to the charge in LB821. It was noted that the work needed to move forward for the group to meet the July 1, 2013, deadline for recommendations.

## **Nominees for Open Committee Position**

The committee discussed nominations for a person to fill the position that was opened do to Rachael Daugherty's resignation. The committee suggested expanding the committee membership to include representatives from the Department of Education, a behavioral health region, the Juvenile Justice Coalition, and the Crime Commission. Committee members were asked to e-mail nominee names and contact information to Leesa before the May 14 meeting.

## **YRTC Update**

Tony Green was welcomed as the new Deputy Director for OJS.

## **Legislative Update**

Stacey Conroy from Senator Ashford's office and Doug Koebernick from Senator Lathrop's office gave an update on pending legislation. They specifically gave an overview of the proposed amendments to LB561. It was noted that under the changes proposed to LB561, the committee may be given additional duties, closing the YRTCs was no longer a part of the bill, and the legislature would be looking at juvenile justice funding and the process between state versus county aid.

Amy Williams from Senator McGill's office noted that LB556 and LB216 were also moving forward. Amy noted that in LB216 extending aid for kids aging out of the juvenile justice system had been removed from the bill as a cost savings measure.

At the end of the legislative update, a motion was made by Ellen Brokofsky that "The committee will support continued examination of the YRTCs as stipulated in LB561, but that the committee was specifically requesting resource support for consultants and reimbursement for reasonable expenses for committee members". The motion was seconded by Monica Miles Steffens. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Voting no: Kim Hawekotte. Abstaining: Jana Peterson. Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

## **Review of Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service**

The committee discussed the impact of LB561 and the current work done toward having recommendations for the Nebraska Children's Commission by July 1, 2013. It was noted that the discussions about pending legislation had taken time and focus away from the previous work the committee had done. A motion was made by Jana Peterson, and seconded by Ron Johns to

get back to the original intent of the sub-committee and its original design as noted in LB821. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Voting no: None. Marty Klein, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

The committee then suggested that a work plan be created for the May and June meetings so that the committee could spend two working days on the recommendations process. Monica Miles Steffens, Sarah Forrest, and Dalene Walker volunteered to help Ellen and Marty craft a work plan for the May 14 and June 11 all day meetings.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2013 from 9:00AM to 4:30PM. The details of the meeting will be sent to committee members as soon as possible.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Ron Johns to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Forrest. The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.