

Nebraska Children's Commission

Twenty-third Meeting

May 20, 2014

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Country Inn & Suites, Omaha Room
5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab (9:30am).

Commission Members absent: Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, and John Northrup.

Ex Officio Members present: Hon. Linda Porter, Thomas Pristow, Julie Rogers, Vicky Weisz, and Kerry Winterer.

Ex Officio Members absent: Ellen Brokofsky, Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, and Senator Jeremy Nordquist.

Also in attendance: Bethany Connor and Leesa Sorensen from the Nebraska Children's Commission.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Pam Allen to approve the agenda, as written. The motion was seconded by Kim Hawekotte. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrup and Susan Staab were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Approval of April 15, 2014, Minutes

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014, meeting as written. The motion to approve the minutes as written was seconded by Gene Klein. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen. Voting no: none. Nancy

Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrup and Susan Staab were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Karen Authier provided a brief chair's report including noting that all Commission members who had applied for re-appointment to the Commission had been reappointed by the Governor. Karen also noted that there are several positions that are open due to Commission members who will not re-apply. Karen noted that the following representative positions are open: county attorney; local foster care review board member; court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer; community representatives from the southeast, central, and western service areas; and a young adult previously in foster care. Karen asked Commission members to think about people who would be good candidates to fill the open positions and able to make the time commitment necessary.

Karen concluded her remarks by providing an update on the June meeting and the Phase II planning. Karen noted that Deb Burnight would be coming to the meeting to facilitate the Phase II discussion and review with the Commission the progress that has been made. She encouraged Commission members to start thinking about items that needed to be included in the Phase II planning.

Public Policy Updates

Bethany Connor provided the group with a list of legislation that was passed in the 103rd Legislature, 2nd session. Bethany noted that the list of legislation was arranged under the four goal statements from each of the Commission workgroups. Bethany also provided a list of Legislative Resolutions organized under the goals of the Commission workgroups. She noted that interim study LR535 to conduct a comprehensive review of the structure of health and human services functions currently administered by the Department of Health and Human Services would impact the work on the strategic plan.

Bethany also provided a copy of the *Monthly Glance at Nebraska's Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice System* data sheet. Bethany noted that the data sheet had been updated to show trend lines based on the requests made during the April meeting. A suggestion was made that the data needed to include information from Probation. A question was also asked to clarify which placements are reflected in the data and if the numbers included informal living arrangements. Bethany noted that the numbers were taken from numbers publicly available from DHHS and that numbers from Probation were not readily available. Thomas Pristow noted that DHHS issues a comprehensive monthly report and that DHHS could provide an update on the monthly data at a future Commission meeting. Thomas also invited Bethany to attend the monthly DHHS meeting so that she could be involved in the monthly data discussions with DHHS staff.

Public Comment

Gregg Nicklas from Christian Heritage provided comments on behalf of CAFCON. Gregg noted that he wanted to thank Senator Dubas, the Health and Human Services Committee, the legislature, the media, and the Nebraska Children's Commission for the part each group played in coming to a positive resolution on the foster care reimbursement rates. He noted that he especially wanted to thank Thomas Pristow and the DHHS staff on working with providers to arrive at the revised rates. He also urged DHHS to provide adequate funding to NFC as a part of the contract negotiations to cover the cost of the rate increases.

Ashley Brown from KVC also shared her appreciation on behalf of the Nebraska Chapter of Foster Family Based Treatment Association (FFTA) for all the work that the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate committee had put into the recommendations that were approved at the May meeting. She also noted that KVC appreciated the work that DHHS did to revise the rates.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report

Peg Harriott provided Commission members with a cover letter, final recommendations document, Nebraska Caregiver Responsibilities tool document, and Nebraska Caregiver Responsibilities Summary and Level of Parenting score sheet, and asked that the Commission approve and advance the documents to DHHS and the Health and Human Services Committee. Peg noted to Commission members that the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate committee was made up of a good mix of foster parents, foster care providers, and DHHS staff and that the final recommendations included work by not only the committee but also the Level of Care workgroup. Peg noted that the workgroup met several times to finalize the Nebraska Caregiver Responsibilities (NCR) tool and score sheet. Peg then walked Commission members through the recommendations and NCR tool.

During the discussion period, suggestions were made by Commission members to modify the recommendations document, as follows:

On Item F, it was suggested that "2014" be inserted after "July 1st" so that it was clear that the recommendation only applied to the 2014 version of the NFC contract between DHS and NFC.

On Item L.b. and Item O, it was suggested that the reference to "\$0.56/mile" be changed to refer to the "current federal mileage rate" so that the recommendation reflects the annual adjustment that is made to mileage rates.

On Item P, that a letter d. be added that would require an analysis and reporting out of data on NCR/LOC tool overrides that are done by DHHS and NFC to further inform the lessons learned, trends identified and recommendations for future consideration as noted in letter c.

Add an Item Q to require that by July 1, 2014 a written report be submitted by Probation that summarizes foster parent rates paid and provides an analysis of outcomes of any tool used to establish foster parent rates that would be consistent with the report provided by DHHS and NFC in Item P.

At the end of the discussion of the report, Beth Baxter made a motion to approve and advance the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee recommendations and report as presented, with the friendly amendments to Items F, L, O, P and Q as offered above, and to send the final version of the recommendations to DHHS and the Health and Human Services Committee. The motion was seconded by Gene Klein. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, and John Northrup were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Membership

Peg Harriott provided a list of three nominees to consider for membership on the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee. The nominees are:

Gregg Nicklas – Co-CEO of Christian Heritage to fill the position of “A child welfare agency that contracts directly with foster parents – SESA”.

Sarah Forrest – Policy Coordinator – Voices for Children in Nebraska to fill the position of “An advocacy organization, the singular focus of which is issues impacting children”.

Jodi Hitchler – Program Manager – CEDARS to fill the position of “A foster parent who contracts with a child welfare agency”.

A motion was made by Gene Klein to approve the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Nominations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, and John Northrup were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Bridge to Independence Membership and Report

Mary Jo Pankoke provided a list of two nominees to consider for membership on the Bridges to Independence Committee. The nominees are:

Betsy Vidlak – Director of Youth Programs, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska to fill the position of a “child welfare service agency”.

Andrew Paul – to fill the position of a “young adult currently/previously in foster care”.

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the Bridges to Independence Nominations as presented. The motion was seconded by Becky Sorensen. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, and John Northrup were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Mary Jo Pankoke then provided an update on the Bridges to Independence program. She noted that the Governor had officially signed the Bridges to Independence regulations. Although the draft regulations had been sent to the regional office, DHHS will be sending the official copy of the regulations for Federal approval. The regulations that were signed by the Governor are effective May 17, 2014. It was noted that DHHS has 60 days after the Federal approval to fully implement the Bridges to Independence program. Mary Jo noted that DHHS has hired two supervisors that are very committed to the program and have done a lot of work to develop the program. She indicated that DHHS therefore believes that they do not necessarily need the full 60 days to formally implement the program. It was noted that a private donor will continue to fund the program until the official DHHS implementation of the program.

DHHS Update

Thomas noted that he appreciated everyone's hard work on the programs that were discussed previously in the agenda. He noted that he had provided his comments as a part of the previous presentations and did not have anything further to add in the way of a formal DHHS update.

IT Work Group Report

David Newell gave a brief update on the work the IT work group has been doing. David noted that the whole population discussion on May 2, like the previous discussion in December, had been very productive. David noted that the group had built on the previous work and was working with other stakeholders to get a more comprehensive view of existing tracking mechanisms. The meeting minutes from the May 2 meeting were distributed for the Commission member's consideration.

Out-of-Home Placements (OHP) Committee

Kim Hawekotte provided Commission members with a copy of a *Historical Summary of Nebraska Department of Education's Initiative on Education of Students in Out-of-Home Placements: 1997-2013*. The list provides information on cross-system initiatives including cross-system information sharing. Kim also provided information on a state ward statistical snapshot from 2010-2011. This information included education related data that is available for Commission members to consider as Commission members think about Phase II strategic planning.

Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee

Kim Hawekotte provided the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee written report along with a presentation and data that the committee looked at during the committee's May 13, 2014 meeting. The *State Wide Juvenile Diversion Survey Data* presentation was developed and presented by Dr. Anne Hobbs.

Juvenile Justice In-home Interventions (MST/FFT) Update

Vicky Weisz provided an update and flyer on upcoming regional introduction and planning meetings that are being hosted by Nebraska Juvenile Probation and the Juvenile Justice Court Improvement Project/Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative. The group has been working with a private foundation to provide the funds for infrastructure development, training, and accreditation to implement Multisystemic Therapy (MST), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), and Boys Town's Intensive Family Preservation Services across the state. Meetings will be held regionally during the month of June.

System of Care Planning Grant Update

Beth Baxter and Sheri Dawson presented information on the final draft of the System of Care Strategic Plan that was created based on input that was received at meetings that were held on May 14, 2014. Beth and Sheri then led the group in a discussion time related to the strategic plan and asked for input on the final draft Strategic Plan and Plan Overview.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 9:00am-3:00pm. Country Inns & Suites – Lighthouse Room, 5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrea Miller. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Nebraska Children's Commission

Strategy Session - Phase II

Questions to consider in preparation for the June 17 strategy session:

What have been important milestones and results over the past two years?

What events and happenings have impeded our progress?

Where do we currently have real advantages and momentum?

What have we built that we do not want to lose?

What are major organizational issues we need to deal with?

What are some ideas whose time has come?



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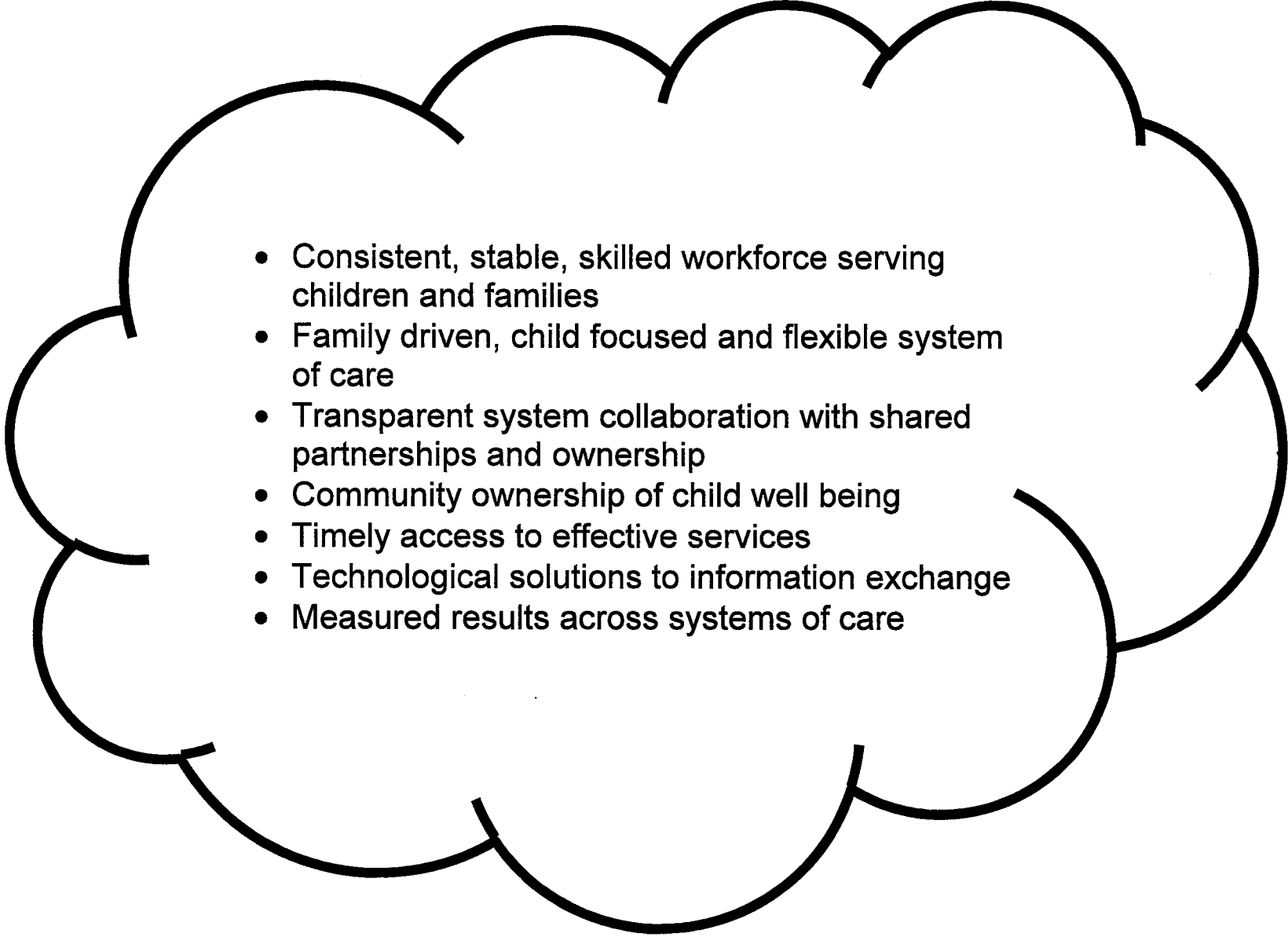
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Original Strategic Vision Elements (in answer to the question posed on October 19, 2012, "What do we want to see in place by 2015 as a result of our collective action?"):

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- Consistent, stable, skilled workforce serving children and families
 - Family driven, child focused and flexible system of care
 - Transparent system collaboration with shared partnerships and ownership
 - Community ownership of child well being
 - Timely access to effective services
 - Technological solutions to information exchange
 - Measured results across systems of care

Monitoring and Evaluation Worksheet

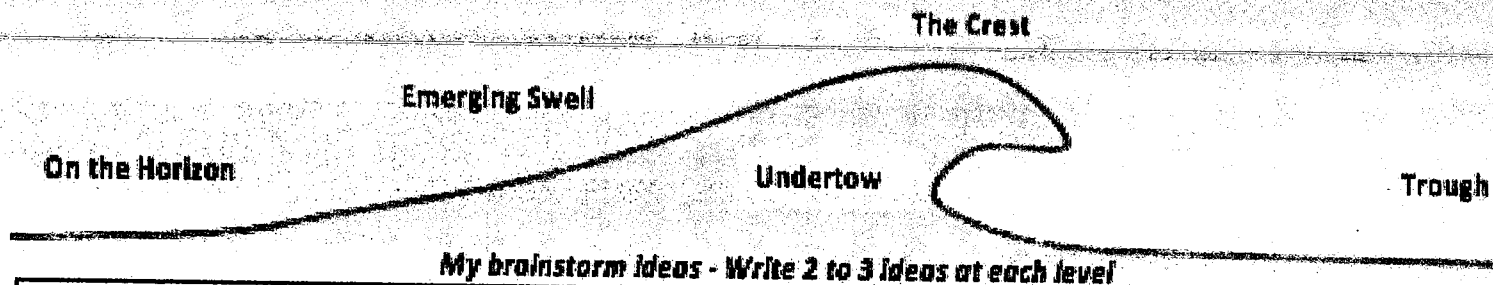
Accomplishments (Add to the existing list...What else have we accomplished? Include unanticipated events/ achievements that pushed us in a positive direction):

Blocks/Difficulties: (What has challenged our expectations?)

Lessons Learned: (What have we learned in the process of implementing our plan?)

Going well (What has supported our work?)

Recommendations for the next planning cycle:



On The Horizon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Generation • Radical Ideas 	
Emerging Swell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas Beginning to Build • Gaining Energy • In The Flow 	
The Crest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tried and True/Status Quo • Foundational/Mainstream ways • Standard Operating Procedure • Opportunity for growth limited 	
Undertow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep Patterns which cause trouble, even in the midst of success • Caution: Can drag us down 	
Trough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disappearing /'Beached' • No longer relevant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling out of favor • the trough between two waves or two hills 	

Nebraska Children's Commission Workforce Workgroup

June 17, 2014

The Workforce workgroup of the Nebraska Children's Commission has identified two key areas of focus to recruit and retain child welfare caseworkers in Nebraska: increased salary and compensation and the development of career trajectories.

Salary and Compensation

Improved salary and compensation should include bringing caseworker salaries in line with national averages and creating salary differentials. Salary differentials should be available for performance and education.

Performance incentives include an increased salary differential for achieving key competencies in casework. Caseworkers should also continue to receive salary increases when moving from frontline casework to mentor and supervisor roles.

Educational incentives include a salary differential for attaining higher education and loan forgiveness programs. Tuition reimbursement and loan forgiveness is a sub-topic of compensation that is closely linked to retention and recruitment. Higher loan forgiveness for caseworkers employed in underserved areas assists in rural communities attracting and retaining child welfare professionals.

Career Trajectories

Establishment of career trajectories strengthens retention and professional development. Caseworkers should receive increased salaries for performance and supervisory duties. New job classifications can be based on achievement of key competencies with salary increases at each level. Competencies may include the ability to work with specific populations, maintain high-risk caseloads, attain cultural competency, or speak multiple languages.

Next Steps

The Workforce workgroup will continue to identify barriers to increased salary and development of career trajectories and determine solutions to move its work forward. The group will work to create a survey for child welfare caseworkers seeking information regarding their workplace experiences. This survey will inform the group as they continue to work towards creating a stable workforce in which caseworkers receive competitive compensation and incentive to further their education and professional skills. The workgroup intends to create statutory changes that reflect its recommendations in the next legislative session.

Nebraska Children's Commission Meeting Review and Milestones December 14, 2012 to June 17, 2014

Note: This list was created for discussion purposes only. Every effort has been made to capture the activities and accomplishments of the Nebraska Children's Commission and the various workgroups, committees, and sub-committees of the Commission during the time period listed above. Additions to the list will be made during facilitated discussion on June 17, 2014.

Meeting Date: January 2013

- System of Care Presentation by Beth Baxter and Candy Kennedy-Goergen
 - Phase I Review and Phase II Strategic Plan Discussion

February 2013

Meeting Cancelled Due to Weather

March 2013

Note: The March meeting was not an official meeting of the Nebraska Children's Commission due to lack of publication of a proper meeting notice.

- Lead Agency Presentation Planned
- Karen Authier's Hearing Testimony on Phase I Strategic Plan before Health and Human Services Committee, and for LB269 (Commission changes) and LB503 (Alternative Response) is distributed. Commission begins tracking legislation such as LB216 (Bridges to Independence), LB530 (Foster Care Reimbursement), and LB561 (Juvenile Justice reform).
 - Workgroup meet for an extended period of time due to meeting issue.

April 2013

- Lead Agency Presentation
- LR196 (*Nebraska Juvenile Services Master Plan*) Initial Review completed and reported on by Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee
- Workforce; Community Ownership of Child Well-being; System of Care; and Technology workgroups begin meeting within monthly meeting times

May 2013

- DHHS Presentation on *Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) Key Initiatives Supporting the Nebraska Children's Commission Strategic Plan*
- Workforce; Community Ownership of Child Well-being; System of Care; and Technology workgroups meet

June 2013

- Report that LB269 which moved the Nebraska Children's Commission from DHHS to the Foster Care Review Office; added Kim Hawekotte, Julie Rogers, and Andrea Miller as members; and provided for a Policy Analyst was signed by the Governor on June 4, 2013.
 - Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory Committee (LB216) created
- Deb Daro Presentation – *Creating Community Responsibility for Child Protection: Possibilities and Challenges*



July 2013

- Foster Care Rate and Assessment Status Report Panel Presentation by DHHS; Foster Family-Based Treatment Association; and Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association
 - Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee created (LB530)
 - YAVSSA Committee Reports on creation of six workgroups to address LB216 needs
- Workgroups report out: Workforce group is research other states; System of Care group is supporting DHHS System of Care grant work; IT Workgroup is discussing Whole Population data and centralized data collection; Community Ownership group reports on community listening sessions held in May and June.

August 2013

- YAVSSA Committee Report on six workgroups: 1) Eligibility and Transition from Current Service Array; 2) Case Management and Supportive Services; 3) Placement; 4) Case Oversight; 5) Communication/Marketing; and 6) State Extended Guardianship Assistance Program.
- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee reports on *Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Evaluation* report by Dr. Terry Lee; by Commission vote adds Cindy Gans, Director of Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to the committee; and receives Commission approval to hire a technical consultant/facilitator/writer to facilitate the remaining strategic planning efforts and write a report to fulfill the requirements of LB561
 - System of Care Grant report by Vicki Maca and Sheri Dawson
- Facilitated Conferences in Juvenile Court presentation by Kelli Hauptman and Judge Larry Gendler
 - Workgroups reports

September 2013

- Teresa Dameron from the Santee Sioux Nation Indian Center provided copies and information on the Society of Care model and Natural Helpers network work to create a more culturally sensitive system of care model
 - Peg Harriott introduced as Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee chair
 - Level of Care Assessment Pilot Project report
 - Alternative Response Progress Report panel presentation
- YAVSSA Panel presentation and approval of the YAVSSA committee initial recommendations report

October 2013

- YAVSSA Committee Report
 - Juvenile Services (OJS) Report
 - Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report
 - Psychotropic Medications Committee Report
 - DHHS report on receiving the IV-E Waiver
 - Update on Facilitated Conferencing and Mediation in Juvenile Court
- Children's Champions Program presentation by Dr. Janine Fromm from Magellan related to the use of psychotropic medications with very young children and youth.
- Workgroup reports including System of Care kick-off planning meeting; Community Ownership mediation center work; Workforce draft recommendations; and IT Workgroup review of the Iowa data warehouse and Georgetown project on data sharing.

November 2013

- Bethany Connor hired as Nebraska Children's Commission Policy Analyst (LB269)
 - Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee update
 - Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report
- Alternative Response panel presentation by Thomas Pristow, Vicki Maca, Sara Goscha, Alicia Henderson, Gene Klein, and Sarah Forrest
 - Alternative Response Model Development Report accepted by Commission
- Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory Committee Report accepted by Commission
 - Workgroup reports

December 2013

- Alternative Response Model Development Update
- Commission Feedback on Alternative Response Model
 - YAVSSA Committee Report
 - Phase II Strategic Plan – Workgroup Reports:

Community Ownership: Facilitated Conferencing and Medication in Juvenile Court Cases report accepted by Commission. The report addresses Prehearing Conferences, Family Group Conferencing, Victim-Offender Mediation, and Evaluation Results.

Technology: Written workgroup report issued on the various systems the workgroup has reviewed. The first Whole Population discussion is scheduled after the December 2013 Commission meeting.

Workforce: The committee provided a verbal report on a recommendations document that is being drafted.

System of Care: The workgroup continues to monitor and participate in the DHHS System of Care grant process, including helping with leadership of the process.

- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee distributes the Phase I Strategic Recommendations document that was provided to the Judiciary Committee on December 13, 2013.

January 2014

- Lead Agency Pilot presentation by David Newell and Carolyn Rooker (LB660)
- Kids Count Presentation by Carolyn Rooker, Sarah Forrest, Chrissy Tonkinson
 - Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report and Pilot Update
 - Title IV-E Waiver Update
- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee panel presentation on Phase I Strategic Recommendations by Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Monica Miles Steffens and Corey Steel

February 2014

- Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report
- IT Workgroup report on its three main priorities: 1) use of technology; 2) whole population measures; and 3) information sharing across agencies.
 - Workforce Workgroup provide a one page summary of key workforce recommendations
 - System of Care update by Sheri Dawson
 - DHHS report on IV-E waiver and Alternative Response by Thomas Pristow
- Psychotropic Medication Committee Report by Thomas Pristow, Jennifer Nelson, and Candy Kennedy-Goergen on a research proposal from Hailey Kimball and Margo Lorimer to look at prescribing practices of psychotropic medications to children and adolescents in Nebraska.

March 2014

- Nebraska Children's Commission Appointment application distributed
 - Crime Commission Grant Process Update by Cindy Gans
 - Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report
- Foster Care Review Office – March Quarterly report presentation by Kim Hawekotte
- Psychotropic Medication Committee receives Commission approval to add Dr. Janine Fromm from Magellan Behavioral Health of Nebraska as a committee member
- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee provides an update on next phase of the committees strategic plan development process
- Community Ownership of Child Well-being Panel Presentation by Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Jennifer Skala, Shawn Shanahan, Deb Fischer, Steph Knust, and Donna Meisner on the Fremont Community Collaborative Process. The group provided a copy of the *Model for Community Ownership of Child Well-being* Model document
- New business: restructuring of Commission meetings, distribution of meeting materials, and use of a consent agenda

April 2014

- Commission adopts the *Community Ownership of Child Well-Being* Model
- Bridges to Independence Program update on regulations waiting for Governor approval
 - Monthly Glance at Child Welfare System data sheet introduced
 - Alternative Response Evaluation Update by Michelle Graef and Katherine Sorenson
 - Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee update
- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee report including Marty Klein's resignation due to a job change
 - System of Care Planning Grant update by Beth Baxter and Sheri Dawson
- Family Organizations Presentation by Candy Kennedy-Goergen (presentation postponed to a later date due to time constraints)

May 2014

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee final recommendations report adopted by Commission
New members for Foster Care Reimbursement Rate committee approved
Bridge to Independence report that Governor signed the regulations and now the group is waiting on federal approval of the regulations
New members for Bridge to Independence committee approved
Whole Populations report issued by IT workgroup
Out of Home Placement Committee information and update provided by Kim Hawekotte
Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee report on State Wide Juvenile Diversion Survey Data
In-Home Services (MST/FFT update) provided by Vicky Weisz
System of Care update by Beth Baxter and Sheri Dawson to get input from the Commission on the final draft of the Statewide System of Care strategic plan

June 17, 2014

Phase II Strategic Plan Facilitated Discussion with Deb Burnight

Milestones

Nebraska Children's Commission Extended to June 30, 2016

Legislation:

- LB216 – Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act (June 4, 2013)
- LB265 – Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act (May 25, 2013)
- LB269 – Children's Commission restructuring (June 4, 2013)
- LB495 – Early Childhood Education Funding (April 24, 2013)
- LB503 –
- LB507 – Step Up to Quality Child Care Act (June 4, 2013)
- LB530 – Foster Care Reimbursement Rates (June 4, 2013)
- LB556 – Telehealth Services for Children's Behavioral Health (June 4, 2013)
- LB561 – Juvenile Justice reform and Alternative Response (May 29, 2013)

Reports:

- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee – Updated Review of LR196 *Nebraska Juvenile Services Master Plan*
- Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory Committee Implementation Recommendations
- Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee Phase I Strategic Recommendations – December 2013
- Community Ownership of Child Well-Being Model*

Other Documents:

- Society of Care Model
- Psychotropic Medication Research Proposal
- Monthly Glance at Nebraska's Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems*

Coming Attractions

- Statewide System of Care Strategic Plan
- Bridges to Independence DHHS Regulations

