

## **Nebraska Children's Commission**

Twenty-fourth Meeting  
June 17, 2014  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Country Inn & Suites, Omaha Room  
5353 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE

### **Call to Order**

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 9:09 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, Nancy Forney, Kim Hawekotte, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab (9:12am).

Commission Members absent: Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, David Newell, and John Northrop.

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

Ex Officio Members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Senator Jeremy Nordquist, and Vicky Weisz.

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the agenda, with the addition of an action item on the Chairperson's Report. The motion was seconded by Pam Allen. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Kim Hawekotte, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

### **Approval of May 20, 2014, Minutes**

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014, meeting with revisions. Beth noted that on the bottom of page 3 under the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report, the report date in the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph should be July 1, 2015, instead of 2014. The motion to approve the minutes with revisions was seconded by Pam Allen. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Kim Hawekotte, Jennifer Nelson, Mary

Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Karen Authier provided a brief chair's report. Karen noted the June 17 meeting would be the last Commission meeting for Becky Sorensen, Nancy Forney, and Jennifer Nelson. Karen thanked each of these Commission members for their commitment to the work of the Commission. Karen also noted that she had been in communication with Senator Campbell and that it was noted that some good progress had been set in motion but that the Commission needed to focus on what still needed to be done in the next two years. Karen walked everyone through a brief overview of the strategic planning day.

Karen also noted that in reviewing the May 20, 2014, Nebraska Children's Commission minutes she felt that an action item was needed to provide a written communication to Probation regarding the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee recommendations and specifically requesting the report related to Item Q of those recommendations.

At the conclusion of Karen's remarks Susan Staab made a motion to have the Nebraska Children's Commission provide a written communication to Probation including requesting a report as outlined in the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee recommendations and the May 20, 2014, Nebraska Children's Commission minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo Pankoke. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Kim Hawekotte, Jennifer Nelson, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, David Newell, and John Northrop were absent. Motion carried.

### **Strategy Session**

Karen Authier then turned the meeting over to Deb Burnight from Facilitated Resources to facilitate the strategy session. The documentation of the minutes from this section of the discussion are contained in the Strategy Session – June 17, 2014, Documentation of Strategic Work Products.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 9:00am-12:00pm. Country Inns & Suites – Omaha Room, 5353 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim Hawekotte. The meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.