

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

Twenty-first Meeting  
August 12, 2014  
9:00AM-11:00AM  
State Bar Association  
635 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68508

### **Call to Order**

Ellen Brokofsky called the meeting to order at 9:04am 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, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens (9:29a.m.), and Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Jenn Piatt and Julie Rogers.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Tina Marroquin, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Jim Bennett, Tony Green, Liz Hruska, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Hank Robinson, and Dan Scarborough.

Also attending: Bethany Connor, Leesa Sorensen, and Cris Copeland.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Sarah Forrest to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Ron Johns. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Tina Marroquin, Pastor Tony Sanders, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

### **Co-chair's Report**

Ellen Brokofsky gave a co-chair's report. Ellen stated that Martin Klein has resigned and his position is open, there are also other positions on the committee available. Ellen then gave an overview of the information on the agenda, including announcing that Dr. Richard Wiener and Dr. Ann Hobbs would be presenting on their Evidence Based Practice white paper.

### **Evidence Based Practice in Juvenile Justice**

Dr. Richard L. Wiener and Dr. Anne Hobbs presented the information and findings from *Evidence Based Practice in Juvenile Justice: Nebraska White Paper*. Dr. Richard L. Wiener, Dr. Anne Hobbs, and Dr. Ryan Spohn wrote the white paper. Dr. Hobbs and Dr. Wiener provided information on the classification system for evidence based juvenile justice programs that is being proposed and provided the overall framework for the program evaluation process. They also presented information on their findings related to the definition of evidence based practices. It was noted that Dr. Hobbs and Dr. Wiener are working to bring in national speakers on this topic for a conference at the end of October. The dates are October 29 to 31. More information will be provided to the committee when it is available. Dr. Hobbs then reminded the committee that the authors are still looking for any feedback on the white paper.

### **Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Strategic Planning**

Monica Miles Steffens introduced Scott Larsen who led a facilitated discussion on what the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association can do to provide enhanced services. Scott then engaged the committee by asking a series of questions and receiving feedback from the committee to compile his report. Scott provided his e-mail address in case committee members had other input they wanted to share after the meeting. Scott's e-mail address is [scott@pjstraw.com](mailto:scott@pjstraw.com).

### **Membership Nominations**

Ellen announced the need to fill vacancies on the committee and to make sure that members are attending meetings. Ellen noted that the positions previous filled by Pastor Tony Sanders, Tina Marroquin, and Dalene Walker would need to be filled. Ellen asked the committee to offer up any nominations for committee positions. Ellen also indicated that Jeanne Brander has been nominated to take Corey Steel's place on the committee. Ellen stated the committee would benefit from having county attorneys, public defenders, and/or any person in the juvenile justice system serve on the committee.

Ellen also indicated that Dr. Richard Wiener had been nominated to serve on the committee. A motion was made by Anne Hobbs, and seconded by Cindy Gans to add Dr. Richard Wiener as a voting member to the committee. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Tina Marroquin, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is date is yet to be determined.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Ron Johns to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nick Juliano. The meeting adjourned at 11:04am.