

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

Twenty - Fifth Meeting

January 13, 2015

9:00AM-3:00PM

Airport Country Inn & Suites, Plate Room,
1301 West Bond Circle, Lincoln, NE 68521

Call to Order

Nicole Brundo called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Jeanne Brandner, Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson (9:08), Cassy Rockwell (and designee Sarah Mitchell), Dr. Richard Weiner, Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Monica Miles Steffens and Dan Scarborough.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Barb Fitzgerald

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ron Johns to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Tony Green. Voting yes: Jeanne Brander, Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Nick Julian, Ron Johns, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson, Cassy Rockwell, Dr. Richard Weiner, Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Barb Fitzgerald was absent. Motion carried.

Approval of December 9, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Kim Culp to approve the December 9, 2014 minutes, seconded by Cassy Rockwell. Voting yes: Jeanne Brandner, Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson, Cassy Rockwell, Dr. Richard Weiner. Voting no: none. Nick Juliano abstained. Barb Fitzgerald was absent. Motion carried.

Co-chair's Report

Nicole Brundo gave a co-chair's report. She noted that the agenda was very full and any report information was related to the agenda items, so would wait until the relevant items were called.

Future meeting date discussion and action item

Co-Chair Nicole Brundo led a discussion on the future meeting dates. The Committee generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month, and in September and October, the meeting dates would fall after a Monday holiday. The group reached consensus that the meetings in September and October would be held on the Wednesday after the holiday, September 9, 2015 and October 14, 2015. During discussion, the group identified that the topic of treatment at the YRTCs should be moved to the March meeting, due to Committee members' scheduling conflicts.

Membership Discussion and Action Item

Co-chair Nicole Brundo led a discussion of the OJS Committee's membership. She announced that Ellen Brokofsky had sent a letter to Karen Authier, Chair of the Nebraska Children's Commission, indicating her resignation as Co-Chair from the Committee. Nicole noted that each Committee under the umbrella of the Children's Commission should have a Co-Chair who sits on the Children's Commission, and at the February meeting, the Committee would entertain a nomination for Co-Chair and vote on the matter.

Statewide Juvenile Justice Priorities

Dr. Anne Hobbs led a discussion on statewide juvenile justice priorities. The Juvenile Justice Institute is participating in the creation of a statewide juvenile justice plan by creating focus groups to identify the priorities in juvenile justice. This plan is tied to grant funding under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Dr. Hobbs requested that participants identify high, medium, and low priorities, or indicate that a particular priority should not be a priority at this time. After discussion, an additional priority was added on, assess and address underlying issues, including medical/physical, psychological, dental, and optical.

Strategic Plan Analysis and Discussion and Action Item

Bethany Connor walked the group through the Juvenile Justice Planning Walkthrough. This document synthesizes the recommendations from the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee, DHHS Division of Behavioral Health Planning Project, and Nebraska State DMC Assessment.

YRTC Population Discussion and Action Item

Tony Green led a discussion on the population of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers, with a comparison of the population both pre- and post- juvenile justice reform. The presentation included information on admissions, average length of stay, offenses, Youth Level Service Inventory scores, and diagnoses.

DHHS/Probation Joint Committee Overview

Jeanne Brander and Tony Green provided the Committee with an update on the DHHS/Probation Joint Committee. The Committee's last meeting was focused on strategic planning, YRTC and foster care items. The group is continuing to meet.

FSG Project in Douglas County

Kim Culp and Nick Juliano provided the Committee with an update on the FSG Project in Douglas County. The project is hiring an executive director to head the collective impact initiative in Nebraska and the listing has been posted on the Douglas County website. A number

of workgroups have been created and will begin meeting this week. The initiative is seeking to bring initiatives together to coordinate and share data.

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)

Kim Culp and Monica Miles Steffens gave the Committee an update of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). The group met last month with a joint meeting between Douglas and Sarpy Counties in an effort to coordinate. The group will meet again and look at definitions and determine what it means for children to be successful in alternatives.

Public Comment

No public comment.

New Business

The group discussed the Committee's meeting plan moving forward, and identified Derrick Jones, Denise Cracl, and Sara Hoyle as individuals to invite to speak regarding disproportionate minority contact in the Juvenile Justice system. The group identified that the March meeting should involve a presentation on the DHHS Regions and a presentation on YRTC services. The group also agreed that agendas should include an item to discuss any recommendations that may have come out of the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2015, from nine o'clock a.m. to three o'clock p.m., location TBA.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Nicole Brundo at 1:16 p.m.