

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

Twenty - Seventh Meeting
March 10, 2015
9:00am – 3:00pm
Child Advocacy Center, 5025 Garland Street
Lincoln, NE 68504

Call to Order

Co-Chair Nicole Brundo called the meeting to order at 9:12 am and announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as per state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Jeanne Brandner, Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp (9:16), Cindy Kennedy, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green (9:58), Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs (9:16), Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Cassy Rockwell (and designee Sarah Mitchell), Juliet Summers (9:30), Dr. Richard Weiner, and Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Dan Scarborough.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Barb Fitzgerald, and Tom McBride.

Resource members absent: Jim Bennett, Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Catherine Gekas-Steeby, Christine Henningsen, Liz Hruska, Doug Koebernick, Mark Mason, Monica Miles-Steffens, Jerall Moreland, Judge Linda Porter, Hank Robinson, and Julie Rogers.

Also attending: Beth Baxter, John Burek, Bethany Connor, Sheri Dawson, Dr. Cindy Nash, Taren Peterson, Melissa Schaefer, Leesa Sorensen, Dr. Jerry Van Winkle, and Katie Zulkoski.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jana Peterson to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015, Juvenile Services Committee meeting as written, seconded by Cindy Kennedy. Voting yes: Jeanne Brandner, Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Ron Johns, Jana Peterson, Cassy Rockwell, Dr. Richard Weiner, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting

no: none. Nick Juliano abstained. Barb Fitzgerald, Tony Green, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Tom McBride, and Juliet Summers were absent. Motion carried.

Co-Chair's report

Nicole Brundo gave a Co-Chair's report. She noted that she had a meeting with the Chair of the Nebraska Children's Commission ("Commission"), to discuss the open Co-Chair position on the Juvenile Services Committee ("Committee"). Nicole asked Kim Hawekotte to explain the Commission's Co-Chair requirement. Kim explained to the group that the Committee must have a member of the Commission as a Co-Chair in order to bring motions before the Commission on behalf of the Juvenile Services Committee. Kim stated she would be willing to accept the role of Co-Chair and the Commission would ultimately make the decision.

Kim Culp made a motion to recommend Kim Hawekotte as Co-Chair of the Committee to the Commission, seconded by Cassy Rockwell. Voting yes: Jeanne Brandner, Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Judge Larry Gendler, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Cassy Rockwell, Dr. Richard Weiner, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Kim Hawekotte abstained. Barb Fitzgerald, Tony Green, Tom McBride, and Juliet Summers were absent. Motion carried.

Parenting with Love and Limits

Katie Zulkoski and John Burek led a presentation for Parenting with Love and Limits ("PLL"). PLL is a program designed to reduce severe emotional and behavioral problems in youth. The presenters noted that at this time, there are no providers of the PLL model in Nebraska, but they would like to expand into the State. The model uses a trained clinician to increase family engagement and reduce recidivism.

Behavioral Health Regions

Sheri Dawson lead a presentation about the Department of Behavioral Health and the Behavioral Health Regions in Nebraska. She noted that one in four people have some manner of behavioral health disorder. The Department has a strategic plan that goes through the end of the year and is working toward a system of care. Behavioral Health assistance is not an entitlement like Medicaid, so there are families waiting to be served in a community based hospital. Last year 2,218 youth were served across the Regions, and she notes that the Department of Behavioral Health is looking forward to working with the Juvenile Services Committee.

Region Three Behavioral Health Presentation

Beth Baxter led a presentation on Region Three's behavioral health services. She described the Region as a county-state partnership to serve the people. Region Three has 59 services ranging from crisis interventions to peer supports, and six prevention coalitions. She noted that the number one service that is needed is crisis mental health services.

Region Six Behavioral Health Presentation

Melissa Schaefer led a presentation on Region Six's behavioral health services. The Region provides a crisis response and in fact received 136 youth specific calls in 2014. She noted that youths do not need a mental health diagnosis to receive services, but the Region will support families in getting a mental health diagnosis.

YRTC Services Presentation

Dr. Cindy Nash, psychologist at YRTC-Geneva, and Dr. Jerry Van Winkle, psychologist at YRTC-Kearney, discussed the services available at the YRTCs. Dr. Nash is walked the group through the services that area available for the youths at YRTC-Geneva, and noted that immediate safety and trauma concerns are the first items to be addressed when a youth enters the facility. Dr. Jerry Van Winkle discussed the services available for the Youths at YRTC-Kearney. He noted that the facility focuses on enhancing the skills the youths already have, while utilizing a primary intervention if necessary, and supporting their work with youths by enhancing the engagement of the families.

Community Aid Update

Cindy Kennedy gave the Committee a Community Based Services Aid update. She noted that there are 93 counties and 4 tribes served by the Community Based Services Program. This year three counties accessed the funds for the first time. The driving force of the program is data to ensure that services and programs are achieving the desired effects.

Disproportionate Minority Contact potential recommendations discussion and action items

Co-Chair Nicole Brundo led a discussion to follow up on the potential action items discussed at the February Juvenile Services meeting. Nicole noted that the Omaha Police Department will be completing implicit bias training. The Committee discussed the need for a statewide DMC committee to accept standardized data definitions as a charge. At the February meeting, the Committee had identified members willing to serve on the Statewide DMC Committee, and Co-Chair Nicole Brundo directed Bethany Connor to follow up on the status of the membership. The group also identified that steps should be taken to support moving from the strategy to intervention phase of the DMC cycle.

Potential recommendations discussion and action item

The Committee came to the consensus that potential action items from this meeting and the January meeting would be discussed at the April Juvenile Services meeting.

New Business.

No new business.

Future meeting dates

The next meeting of the Juvenile Services Committee will be on April 14, 2015.

Adjourn

Ron Johns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cassy Rockwell. The meeting adjourned at 1:35p.m.

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