

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

Twenty - Ninth Meeting
July 14, 2015
9:00am – 1:30pm
Lincoln Airport Country Inn & Suites,
1301 West Bond Circle, Lincoln, NE 68521

Call to Order

Co-Chair Nicole Brundo called the meeting to order at 9:14 am and announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as per state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Cynthia Kennedy, and Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Jim Bennett, Dannie E. Elwood, Christine Henningsen, Liz Hruska, Mark Mason (9:38), Katie McCleese Stephenson, Monica Miles-Steffens, Jerall Moreland, Adam Proctor, Julie Rogers, and Dan Scarborough.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Jeanne Brandner, Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson, Cassy Rockwell, Juliet Summers, and Dr. Richard Wiener.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Catherine Gekas-Steeby, Doug Koebernick, Monica Miles-Steffens, Judge Linda Porter, and Hank Robinson.

Also attending: Bethany Allen, Josh Henningsen, and Julia Tse.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of April 14, 2015 Minutes

Nicole Brundo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting as written. Cynthia Kennedy seconded the motion. Voting Yes: Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Cynthia Kennedy, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Jeanne Brandner, Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson, Cassy

Rockwell, Juliet Summers, and Dr. Richard Wiener were absent. Nick Juliano abstained. Motion carried.

Co-Chair's report

Kim Hawekotte led a Co-chair's report. She discussed that representatives from Missouri would be presenting on the Missouri Regional model. The Committee identified a need to specifically gather information about Missouri's assessment tools. At the August 11, 2015, meeting the National Council for Juvenile Justice would attend the meeting to provide and gather information.

Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Program Update and Action Item

Cynthia Kennedy provided an update on the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. She noted that the review of the aid requests was the most extensive and detailed it has ever been. Dr. Anne Hobbs contributed feedback on evidence based practices for the review. She notes that the program received additional funding and the Crime Commission is in the process of determining how the funds will be disbursed. She discussed the impact that evidence based practices has had on the grant request, noting that randomized trials are costly. Many counties have evidence influence practices and are able to make a showing that their programs work. She further noted that counties address many of the same issues with different programs. She shared that the number of counties participating has risen from 30 counties to 70 counties and three tribes.

Magellan and Juvenile Justice Presentation and Action Item

Adam Proctor led a presentation on Magellan. He provided background on Magellan as a Managed Care Organization for Nebraska. Magellan functions as claims payer, provides value added services, and manages a statewide network of over 1,600 providers at 2,500 locations. He noted that the most commonly used youth services include both community based services and Inpatient and residential services. Magellan provides value added services for youth including MY LIFE youth empowerment group, Mobile Crisis Services for Children, Telehealth, and Children as Champions.

Medicaid and Juvenile Justice Presentation and Action Item

Dannie Elwood led a presentation on Medicaid. She noted that Medicaid is the nation's primary health insurance program for low-income children, families, the aged and disabled. Managed Care is a health delivery system with more flexibility than Medicaid. Medicaid managed care has both physical health managed care and behavioral health managed care. The behavioral health benefits package included inpatient mental health services, residential services, outpatient substance use disorder services, psych RN nursing services, and behavioral health injectibles.

Probation Update

Jim Bennett gave a brief update on Probation's activities. He provided data on intake and detention alternatives, pre-adjudication and investigations, case management and services, and re-entry. He

noted that the Nebraska Juvenile Intake Screening Risk Assessment (RAI) has been studied by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the tool has been verified as accurately assessing youth who can be released. Probation will continue working to develop detention alternatives. Probation has created training for probation staff including service marching, critical thinking, and transition planning for youth in out-of-home placements.

YRTC Update

Tony Green provided an update on the YRTCs. He noted that the average length of stay continues to increase, suggesting that the children who enter do need the level of care provided by the YRTCs. The youth entering the YRTCs show significant mental health and substance abuse needs. Both Tony Green and Dr. Zoucha stressed the need to look at negative behaviors as symptoms of mental health or substance abuse disorder. Tony Green noted that the YRTCs continue to see youth who do not have supports in their community. He noted that the YRTCs are a no eject/no reject facility and do not have legal standing in juvenile court cases. This can pose a challenge for when youth need a step-down in services, as it is unclear who has the responsibility of changing the court order.

Public Comment

None.

Potential Recommendations Discussion and Action Item

Kim Hawekotte discussed that the Committee has taken steps to consult with Missouri on its model for the YRTCs. The August meeting will include presentations on screenings and assessments, including the RAI.

New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting Planning

This agenda item was discussed during the “Potential Recommendations Discussion and Action Item.”

Future Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee will be on August 11, 2015, location TBA.

Adjourn

Ron Johns made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Hawekotte. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.