

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (FCRRC)

March 7, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Co-Chair, Felicia Nelsen, called the meeting of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (FCRRC) to order at 1:04 p.m., and asked Adam Anderson to call roll and attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Committee Members present (7):

Theresa Goley	Jackie Meyer	Lisa Story
Doug Kreifels	Felicia Nelsen	
Liz Lovejoy-Brown (1:36 p.m.)	Alisa Ryan	

Committee Members absent (4):

Phillip Burrell	Bobby Loud
Sue Hamilton	Michelle Moline

Ex-Officio Members present (0):

Ex-Officio Members absent (4):

Brenda Brooks
Remonte Green
Kari Rumbaugh
Kathleen Stolz

A quorum was present.

Guests In Attendance (7):

Amanda Adams	Michaela Hirschman	Julie Smith
Adam Anderson	Jovan Johnson	
Monica DeMent	Nannette Simmons	

a. Notice of Publication

Recorder for the meeting, Adam Anderson, indicated that the notice of publication for this meeting was posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting and Nebraska Children’s Commission website in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The publication would be kept as a permanent attachment with the meeting minutes.

b. Announcement of the placement of Open Meetings Act information

A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection and was located at the sign in table and on the Nebraska Children’s Commission website.

III. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Jackie Meyer and seconded by Lisa Story to approve the agenda as presented.

There was no further discussion. Roll Call vote as follows:

FOR (6):

Theresa Goley
Doug Kreifels

Jackie Meyer
Felicia Nelsen

Alisa Ryan
Lisa Story

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (5):

Phillip Burrell
Sue Hamilton

Bobby Loud
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Michelle Moline

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Doug Kreifels to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Felicia Nelsen. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

FOR (6):

Theresa Goley
Doug Kreifels

Jackie Meyer
Felicia Nelsen

Alisa Ryan
Lisa Story

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (5):

Phillip Burrell
Sue Hamilton

Bobby Loud
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Michelle Moline

MOTION CARRIED

V. Co-Chair Report

Co-Chair Felicia Nelsen noted that the FCRRRC will be meeting every other month to discuss the work towards the report that is due in 2024. She noted that Workgroups will need recommendations by the end of June 2023.

VI. Legislative Update

Amanda Adams shared updates regarding legislation that has been introduced. She shared the [bill tracker](#) and noted upcoming legislative hearings. Adams noted cost of living increases in legislation rather than a specific percentage increase for providers. Members discussed FAFSA. Members discussed that on March 21 at the Capitol, starting at 8:30 a.m. there will be a foster care day to show a presence by providers and foster parents. Adams discussed the specific legislation potentially affecting foster care rates.

VII. Membership Update

Adam Anderson updated the Committee regarding membership of the Committee and Workgroups.

VIII. 2024 Report Topics & Timeline

a. Base Rate

Amanda Adams noted that the Base Rate workgroup has met and had a robust discussion regarding costs of raising children. Discussion also focused on extracurricular activities and the needs of the child. Adams noted that the USDA's report used to set amounts in 2020 had not been updated, so the workgroup will be looking for updated data to utilize. Members discussed extracurricular activities, travel, and the use of the NCR.

b. Agency Rate

Monica DeMent shared that the workgroup has met and discussed the foster care survey that would be completed by the providers. DeMent noted that the workgroup looked at the previous survey and added information regarding the 4th and 5th tiers of the NCR. DeMent noted that the surveys were sent out and are due back by March 30. DeMent also shared that a note went out with the survey that noted that provider information would not be shared but rather the data would be aggregated to provide a complete picture of provider cost.

c. Treatment Family Care Rate

Doug Kreifels noted that the workgroup has met twice. Kreifels shared that at the initial meeting discussion focused around the concerns regarding the use of the NCR as entrance criteria. He noted that the following meeting centered around discussing specific tools, such as the CANS and CAFAS assessments. He shared that no decision was made as to the specific assessment that will be used. Kreifels shared that future meetings will look at assessment recommendations. Members discussed the need for Probation to be able to access the service.

IX. CFS Tiered Level & Rate Increase Update

Nannette Simmons shared an update regarding the NCR Tiered Levels of Care. She discussed the NCR process. She shared information regarding the RFQ for tiered foster care ends at the end of March to allow for updates and changes. She noted that current contracts end in September.

Theresa Goley shared information regarding KVC's number of referrals for youth above the NCR. Michaela Hirschmand noted that DHHS will look at phasing in youth eligible for SLP to tiers 4 and 5. Members discussed youth with the highest level of behavioral health needs and the need for a continuum of well-defined services with well-defined outcomes.

Michaela Hirschman shared that DHHS will be reaching out to tiered 4 and 5 providers to see what changes need to be made. Hirschman also shared placement and licensing incentive information for placements will be happening before June. Hirschman answered questions regarding the process and payments.

X. Medicaid Update on Treatment Family Care

Representatives from Medicaid were not in attendance. There was no update regarding Treatment Family Care.

XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. Public Comment

Co-Chair Nelsen opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

XIII. Upcoming Meetings

- a. May 2, 2023
- b. July 11, 2023
- c. September 5, 2023
- d. November 7, 2023

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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