

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (FCRRC)

January 10, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

and

Foster Care Review Office Conference Room

1225 L Street, Suite 401

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 1:03 p.m., and asked Adam Anderson to call roll and attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Committee Members present (5):

Phillip Burrell

Jackie Meyer

Felicia Nelsen

Sue Hamilton

Michelle Moline

Committee Members absent (4):

Bobby Loud

Alisa Ryan

Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Lisa Story

Ex-Officio Members present (3):

Brenda Brooks

Remonte Green

Kari Rumbaugh

Ex-Officio Members absent (1):

Kathleen Stolz

A quorum was present.

Guests In Attendance (16):

Amanda Adams

Monica DeMent

Darcy Kramer

Adam Anderson

Manuel Escamilla

Doug Kreifels

Kevin Bagley

Tawnya Hansen

Nanette Simmons

Trisha Behrens

Michaela Hirschman

Theresa Goley

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 Phillip Burrell to approve the agenda with modifications to the order and upcoming meeting dates. There was no further discussion. Roll Call vote as follows:

FOR (4):

Phillip Burrell
Jackie Meyer

Michelle Moline
Felicia Nelsen

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

Sue Hamilton

ABSENT (4):

Bobby Loud
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Alisa Ryan
Lisa Story

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Phillip Burrell to approve the October 5, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Felicia Nelsen. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

FOR (4):

Phillip Burrell
Jackie Meyer

Michelle Moline
Felicia Nelsen

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

Sue Hamilton

ABSENT (4):

Bobby Loud
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Alisa Ryan
Lisa Story

MOTION CARRIED

V. Co-Chair Report

Co-Chair Nelsen noted a change in upcoming meeting dates. She discussed the upcoming meetings needed for the workgroups and the Committee. Nelsen noted that the Agency Rate Workgroup Co-chairs will be Monica DeMent and Darcy Kramer, and the TFC and Base Rate workgroups need Co-chairs.

VI. Membership Update

Adam Anderson updated the Committee regarding membership of the Committee and Workgroups. He noted vacancies in representatives from an agency that contracts directly with foster parents from the Southeast Service Area and Central Service Area. Additionally, he noted reaching out to DHHS regarding representation from the DHHS CEO or designee, the Eastern Service Area, and the Northern Service Area.

VII. 2024 Report Topics & Timeline

- a. Base Rate
- b. Agency Rate
- c. Treatment Family Care Rate

VIII. CFS Tiered Level & Rate Increase Update

Nannette Simmons shared an update regarding the implementation of the Tiered Level and Rate Increase. She answered questions regarding existing letters of agreement. Michaela Hirschman shared information regarding LB1173 and the Stephens Group, who will be looking at a practice and finance model for DHHS. She added that they will be reaching out to providers and stakeholders moving forward to gather information about what is necessary for kids and families in Nebraska. Hirschman noted that the Stephens Group report will be concluded by the end of 2023.

IX. Medicaid Update on Treatment Family Care

Medicaid Director Kevin Bagley presented a PowerPoint with updates from Medicaid regarding Treatment Family Care. He noted that the first step is to define the population affected. He added that Centers for Medicare Services requires a clinically-based level of care similar to Developmental Disabilities services, and not all foster youth are included. Bagley discussed what is needed to be done for implementation, noting that on October 1, 2023, Phase 1 will include identifying core population, establishing key service definitions and getting federal approval of program design. He added that federal approval needs to happen before implementation, and that future phases will improve on the initial design by identifying new potential services and improving the definition of level of care. Bagley shared that making changes in the future is easier due to flexibility of the program and noted that the initial criteria for entering TFC will be placement in Tier 4 or 5 of the Nebraska Caregivers Responsibility Tool. Members discussed the entrance criteria and accountability regarding completion of the tools.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Public Comment

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

XII. Upcoming Meetings

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

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.