

**Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (FCRRC)**

July 12, 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 1:07 p.m.. Co-Chair Michelle Moline 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	Monica DeMent	Nannette Simmons
Adam Anderson	Michaela Hirschman	Julie Smith
Kevin Bagley	Jovan Johnson	

***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 Theresa Goley and seconded by Liz Lovejoy-Brown to approve the agenda as presented. There was no further discussion. Roll Call vote as follows:

#### FOR (6):

Theresa Goley  
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Michelle Moline  
Felicia Nelsen

Alisa Ryan  
Lisa Story

#### AGAINST (0):

#### ABSTAINED (0):

#### ABSENT (5):

Phillip Burrell  
Sue Hamilton

Doug Kreifels  
Bobby Loud

Jackie Meyer

#### MOTION CARRIED

### IV. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Lisa Story to approve the March 7, 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  
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Michelle Moline  
Felicia Nelsen

Alisa Ryan  
Lisa Story

#### AGAINST (0):

#### ABSTAINED (0):

#### ABSENT (5):

Phillip Burrell  
Sue Hamilton

Doug Kreifels  
Bobby Loud

Jackie Meyer

#### MOTION CARRIED

### V. Co-Chair Report

Co-Chair Felicia Nelson noted an additional meeting will occur in January in order to review the Stephen Group Report. Amanda Adams shared that the Committee is actively working on the report due in 2024. She noted that the report will be drafted by September to approve for the Children's Commission in January.

### VI. Legislative Update

Amanda Adams noted Senator Wishart's LR 241 will look at provider rates. She shared that there isn't much movement with it at the moment. There is potential for a hearing in the fall. Adams noted that there is potential for Commission involvement. Adams wanted the group to be aware that this Committee's methods may be examined in the context of provider rates.

## **VII. Strategic Plan**

Adams shared information regarding the work done towards the Commission Strategic Plan. Adams noted that the workgroups may begin looking at different items in the years not focused on the 4-year report, such as recommendations specific to relative and kinship placements, recruitment strategies, and policies regarding relative kinship.

## **VIII. Membership Update**

Adam Anderson shared that the Committee is searching for a representative of an advocacy organization which deals with legal and policy issues that include child welfare. Anderson also stated that the Committee is awaiting representation from the Northern and Eastern Service Areas of DHHS. Remonte Green responded that he will reach out to Northern and Eastern Service Areas for their representation.

## **IX. CFS Update**

### **a. Structure/Organizational Change**

Remonte Green shared that there are no updates on the CFS structure. He noted that they are currently awaiting appointment of interim CEO and CFS Director Positions.

### **b. Membership for this group**

Green responded to the membership questions during the previous agenda item.

## **X. Medicaid Update on Treatment Family Care**

Kevin Bagley shared that October 1 will be the start of building an assessment team that will be conducting CAFAS assessments on youth in NCR levels 3, 4, and 5. Bagley noted that this care team will be assessing youth needs. In January, additional services will be available, such as Crisis Stabilization. Bagley also shared that this service is available through Medicaid, but the new program will allow for coordination of the service. Bagley stated that once the waiver document is available, it will be shared for public comment. Bagley continued by sharing that future phases of the program will bring in services that may not currently be covered by Medicaid. These future phases will explore additional services such as respite. Bagley noted that building in a payment structure through Medicaid, with Federal dollars attached will free up State funding for case management services.

Members asked clarifying questions regarding the CAFAS and the education level and licensure of the care management and crisis stabilization services.

Members discussed the Nebraska Caregivers Responsibility Tool and Letters of Agreement at length. Members noted that LOAs are generally outside the levels outlined in the NCR. Continued conversations will occur regarding the NCR in the future.

## **XI. Approval of Recommendations**

Amanda Adams noted that the recommendations that are being submitted are not the same as the recommendations that will be made in 2024. More work will be conducted on the 2024 recommendations prior to their approval.

Adams discussed the recommendations and the discussions from the workgroups that informed the recommendations.

Members discussed the recommendations and the method of recommendations every four years. Members discussed potentially working towards a more consistent recommendation for increase.

**It was moved by Theresa Goley and seconded by Michelle Moline to approve the recommendations as presented.** There was no further discussion. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR (6):**

Theresa Goley  
Liz Lovejoy-Brown

Michelle Moline  
Felicia Nelsen

Alisa Ryan  
Lisa Story

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (5):**

Phillip Burrell  
Sue Hamilton

Doug Kreifels  
Bobby Loud

Jackie Meyer

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XII. Workgroup Updates**

**a. Base Rate**

Michelle Moline spoke about the recent work of the group, sharing the workgroup's methodology for determining the base rate. She noted that an updated USDA report was not available to use in this methodology.

**b. Agency Rate**

Amanda Adams shared the work of the group, noting the methodology for determining the agency rate. She discussed a base increase of 5% along with increases based on their cost.

**c. Treatment Family Care**

Amanda Adams noted that Kevin Bagley had covered much of the work of the workgroup during the Medicaid agenda item.

**XIII. New Business**

Members discussed adding an agenda item to discuss recommendations to change 4-year report timeline.

**XIV. Public Comment**

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

**XV. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. September 26, 2023
- b. November 7, 2023
- c. January 24, 2024

**XVI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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