

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
Juvenile Services Committee (JSC) and
Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)**

April 27, 2023
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Lincoln Community Foundation
5th Floor Large Conference Room
215 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508

1. Call to Order

JSC Co-Chair Nick Juliano called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM, welcomed everyone and asked Adam Anderson to call roll.

2. Roll Call

Juvenile Services Committee

Committee Members Present (10)

Jennifer Carter (9:22 AM)

Amy Hoffman

LaDonna Jones-Dunlap (9:40 AM)

Nick Juliano

Dennis Marks

Mark LaBouchardiere

Michelle Nunemaker

Vicky Smith

Deb VanDyke-Ries

Dr. Richard Wiener

Committee Members Absent (8)

Nicole Brundo

Marisa Hattab

Judge Denise Kracl

Patrick Sailors

Tammy Sassaman

Kelli Schadwinkel

Patrick Sailors

Bobbi Taylor

Committee Resource Members Present (2)

Brenda Kastens

Julie Smith

Committee Resource Members Absent (0)

A quorum was established for the Juvenile Services Committee

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Coalition Members Present (9)

Colleen Barnes

Neleigh Boyer

Patrick Connell

Monika Gross (9:37 AM)

Amy Hoffman

Elaine Menzel

Dan Schleusener

Steve Solorio

Tami Steensma

Coalition Members Absent (10)

Roma Amundson

Stanford Bradley

Breanna Flaherty

Misty Flowers

Brian Halstead

Janteice Holston

Denise Manthei

Jill Schubauer

Amanda Speichert

Bobbi Taylor

Coalition Ex-Officio Members Present (2)

Judge Joel Jay

Coalition Ex-Officio Members Absent (1)

Judge Chad Brown

Kari Rumbaugh

A quorum was not established for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

Guests in Attendance (9):

Amanda Adams.....	Nebraska Children’s Commission
Adam Anderson.....	Nebraska Children’s Commission
Chris Carlile.....	Nebraska Crime Commission
Renee Dozier.....	Region V Systems
Marisa Harris.....	United States Office of Justice
Tami Soper.....	Boys Town
Jessica Svoboda.....	Nebraska Crime Commission
Erin Wasserberger.....	Nebraska Crime Commission

a. Notice of Publication

Administrative Programs Officer for the Nebraska Children’s Commission, Adam Anderson, indicated that the notice of publication for this meeting was posted on the Nebraska Children’s Commission and Nebraska Public Meetings Calendar websites in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

b. Announcement of the placement of Open Meeting Act information

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

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Jennifer Carter from the JSC to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Amy Hoffman from the JSC. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (9):

Jennifer Carter	Mark LaBouchardiere	Vicky Smith
Amy Hoffman	Dennis Marks	Deb VanDyke-Ries
Nick Juliano	Michelle Nunemaker	Dr. Richard Wiener

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (8):

Nicole Brundo	Judge Denise Kracl	Kelli Schadwinkel
Marisa Hattab	Patrick Sailors	Bobbi Taylor
LaDonna Jones-Dunlap	Tammy Sassaman	

MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee

4. Approval of JSC and NCJJ July 28, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Jennifer Carter from the JSC to approve the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark LaBouchardiere from the JSC. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (9):

Jennifer Carter
Amy Hoffman
Nick Juliano

Mark LaBouchardiere
Dennis Marks
Michelle Nunemaker

Vicky Smith
Deb VanDyke-Ries
Dr. Richard Wiener

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (8):

Nicole Brundo
Marisa Hattab
LaDonna Jones-Dunlap

Judge Denise Kracl
Patrick Sailors
Tammy Sassaman

Kelli Schadwinkel
Bobbi Taylor

MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee

5. JSC and NCJJ Membership Update

Adam Anderson noted that the Nebraska Children’s Commission term ends at the end of June, and at their meeting in August they will vote to appoint members to the JSC. Anderson noted the vacancies on the Committee and reminded members that if they are unable to attend meetings, they may designate a proxy for quorum and voting purposes. Anderson shared the specifics regarding online attendance, noting that members that appear online are not counted towards quorum and not permitted to speak on agenda items outside of the public comment period.

Amy Hoffman shared information regarding appointments to the NCJJ. She noted that quite a few terms end in January.

6. Legislative Updates

Commission Policy Analyst, Amanda Adams noted that not much has been passed by the Legislature this session. She noted that recently passed permit-less concealed carry legislation may affect foster parents. She noted more information will be released once it becomes available. Members spoke about the high number Christmas tree bills in each of the Legislative Committees and noted that some legislation being tracked by the Commission and NCJJ may be amended into these bills.

7. Nebraska Children’s Commission Strategic Priorities

Amanda Adams spoke about the Strategic Priorities that have been assigned to the JSC. She noted that the Access to Services Workgroup is impacting the strategic priority of identifying in-home services and supports for relative and kinship foster homes. The workgroup is doing a lot work of services that could be identified for all homes and kids, but it would impact relative and kinship homes as well. Additionally, Adams shared that the Access to Service workgroup is impacting the priority of reviewing current supports offered to families through systems that are not involved or that are involved and identify gaps. She noted that this priority is being impacted by the workgroup’s dive into the Community Treatment Aide service. Adams noted that the Committee will review these priorities at each meeting to discuss moving forward.

8. JSC Workgroup Updates

a. Access to Services

Amanda Adams shared the work of the group regarding Community Treatment Aides and Managed Care Organization Case Management.

b. Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Tami Soper shared that she met with Adams to discuss revitalizing the group and focusing on the values statements that came out of the strategic priorities.

c. Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

Nick Juliano noted that they are in the process of looking at this workgroup as it is tied to the Committee in statute and will be doing work in the upcoming months to report out at the next meeting.

9. Title II Update

NCJJ Chair Elaine Menzel noted a discussion regarding Title II discussion with Marissa Harris from OJJDP. She noted that the state will be getting an invite to return as a participating state and that there will be a three-year plan in order to come back into compliance. Menzel will be reaching out to stakeholders that may have interest working on the three-year plan. Amy Hoffman noted that without coming into compliance the funds that were going to Lancaster and Douglas under non-participating states would be going away eventually. Hoffman noted that the first step in coming back is a letter from the Governor asking to come back into the program. Members discussed the requirements of Title II and other concerns with not coming back into the program. Menzel speculated that participating states were concerned that non-participating states were getting funds without compliance thus leading to the ending of the non-participating state status.

10. NCJJ Subcommittee Updates

a. Executive Subcommittee

Chair Menzel noted that this Subcommittee met to schedule the meeting and set the agenda.

b. Community Planning Advisory Subcommittee

Menzel noted that there is an upcoming meeting to discuss services that had previously been approved for funding. Wasserberger shared an update regarding a project of compiling resources for funding that falls outside the scope of the NCJJ. The Subcommittee will be inviting county leads to attend future meetings.

c. Juvenile Diversion Subcommittee

Amy Hoffman noted some training has occurred, and the assessment tool will soon be rolled out. The group will reconvene to determine future priorities.

d. Grant Review Subcommittee

Menzel noted a Monday meeting to discuss applications. Menzel shared a handout with information regarding pending and approved applications. She noted that there were \$2.7M in requests but only a little over \$500,000 available to consider. This would be a tough choice based on the applicants. Hoffman noted that coming into Title II program will allow this subcommittee additional funds and the NCJJ would need to provide input on the selection of recipients.

e. Young Adult Subcommittee

Menzel noted that they are looking for membership. Attendees discussed issues regarding reimbursements and stipends. Hoffman noted that if the state comes back into Title II the federal partners allow the group to pay young adults a stipend for participation in the meetings, however it is prohibited by state law. Members discussed possible workarounds for this problem.

11. Community Based Aid Presentation

Amber Pelan from Saunders County appeared via Webex to discuss the programs offered by Saunders County. She shared a PowerPoint with outcome data and demographics from the programs. She noted that programs included mental health services, diversion, truancy, in-home therapy. She discussed partners and funding sources regarding their services. Pelan shared numbers and outcomes regarding their programs.

12. Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There was no public comment.

13. New Business

JSC Co-Chair shared updates on upcoming opening of RADIUS Omaha.

Members discussed upcoming conferences:

a. NJJA Conference, May 3-5 in Kearney

b. Nebraska Community Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference, June 14-15, 16th R/ED Session

14. Upcoming Meeting Planning

July 27, 2023

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Anderson