

Nebraska Children's Commission

Third Meeting
August 14, 2012
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Country Inn and Suites, Lighthouse Room
5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Beth Baxter called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The Open Meetings Act information is posted as required by state law.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab and Kerry Winterer.

Commission Members absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, and Dale Shotkoski.

Ex Officio Members present: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Senator Lavon Heidemann, and Hon. Linda Porter.

Ex Officio Members absent: Vicky Weisz and Ellen Brokofsky.

Also in attendance: Governor Dave Heineman; Vicki Maca, Terri Nutzman, Nathan Busch, Wes Nespor, Neleigh Korth, Russ Reno, and Bonnie Engel from the Department of Health and Human Services; and Jeremiah Blake from the Governor's Policy Research Office.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Candy Kennedy-Goergen to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Gene Klein. A unanimous voice vote of voting members present was received. Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, Mary Jo Pankoke, and Dale Shotkoski were absent. Motion carried.

Dale Shotkoski and Vicky Weisz arrived at 9:03am.

Approval of July 16, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Norman Langemach to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012, meeting, seconded by John Northrop. A unanimous voice vote of voting members present was

received. Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of August 1, 2012, Report to the Health and Human Services Committee

A motion was made by John Northrop to approve the August 1, 2012, report, seconded by Gene Klein. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Public comment was received.

Vice-Chairperson's Report

Progress on hiring staff

Interviews for the Administrative Assistant III position to support the Nebraska Children's Commission were held on August 3, 2012. An offer of employment has been made and accepted with a start date of August 27, 2012.

Status of RFP's

Strategic Plan – RFP 4079Z1

- Released – July 23, 2012
- Proposal Opening – August 21, 2012, 2:00pm
- Evaluation Period – August 22-September 5, 2012
- Letter of Intent to Contract – September 14, 2012
- Contract Award – September 17, 2012
- Contractor Start Date – September 24, 2012

Cross System Analysis – RFP 4081Z1

- Released – July 26, 2012
- Proposal Opening – August 28, 2012, 2:00pm
- Evaluation Period – August 29-September 12, 2012
- Letter of Intent to Contract – September 20, 2012
- Contract Award – September 24, 2012
- Contractor Start Date – October 1, 2012

Committee Reports

Psychotropic Medication Committee

Candy Kennedy-Goergen provided an update on the members to be appointed to the Psychotropic Medication Committee – Pam Allen and Sara Goscha.

A motion was made by Susan Staab to approve the addition of Pam Allen and Sara Goscha to the Psychotropic Medication Committee, seconded by Norman Langemach. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

Juvenile Services Committee

Committee update will be taken up when Martin Klein is present at the meeting.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

Thomas Pristow provided an update on the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, including a written report.

A motion was made by Susan Staab to accept the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report, seconded by Candy Kennedy-Goergen. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

IV-E Demonstration Project Committee

Thomas Pristow and Vicky Weisz provided an update on the IV-E Demonstration Project Committee, including a written report.

A motion was made by John Northrop to accept the IV-E Demonstration Project Committee report, seconded by Kerry Winterer. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kerry Winterer to approve Gene Klein's appointment to the IV-E Demonstration Project Committee and to serve as the Co-Chairperson of the Committee, seconded by Thomas Pristow. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-

Goergen, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Abstain: Gene Klein. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Martin Klein, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Legislative role in child welfare

Senator Campbell provided a brief summary of the role of the Legislature.

Update on Interim Studies

Senator Campbell provided an update on the Interim Studies assigned to the Health and Human Services Committee. Several Interim Studies have been scheduled for public hearing.

Expectations regarding the Strategic Plan

Senator Campbell provided a handout titled, *Nebraska Children's Commission*.

Martin Klein arrived at 10:04am.

Children and Family Services Report

Thomas Pristow presented on the Strategic Focus of the Division of Children and Family Services Protection and Safety Section.

Committee Reports (continued)

Juvenile Services Committee

Martin Klein provided an update on the Juvenile Services Committee, including a written report.

A motion was made by Kerry Winterer to ratify Jana Peterson's appointment to the Juvenile Services Committee, seconded by Thomas Pristow. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gene Klein to accept the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee report, seconded by Susan Staab. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Gene Klein, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Lisa Lechowicz, John Northrop, Thomas Pristow, Dale Shotkoski, Becky Sorensen, Susan Staab, and

Kerry Winterer. No opposition. Absent: Karen Authier, Janteice Holston, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, and Mary Jo Pankoke. Motion carried.

Recessed at 10:25am.

Reconvened at 10:43am with all members present as before.

Collaborative Work Process

Candy Kennedy-Goergen provided her perspective on collaborative work process.

New Business

General Discussion no action item

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is September 14, 9:00-12:00pm, location to be determined.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Thomas Pristow to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Becky Sorensen. The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.