

**Nebraska Children's Commission – Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee**

First Meeting

September 26, 2012

2:30-4:30PM

BryanLGH West –Nursing Classroom

2300 South 16th, Lincoln, NE

**Call to Order**

Martin Klein called the meeting to order at 2:14pm and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the back of the room as required by state law.

**Roll Call**

Subcommittee Members present: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Rachel Daugherty, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Jana Peterson, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Dalene Walker, and Pastor Tony Sanders.

Subcommittee Members arriving after roll call: Ron Johns (due to technical difficulties).

Subcommittee Members absent: Judge Larry Gendler and Monica Miles Steffens.

Acting as resources to the committee: Senator Kathy Campbell, Sheila Page for Senator Colby Coash, Doug Koebernick, Terri Nutzman, Jerall Moreland, and Dan Scarborough.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Corey Steel to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Terri Nutzman. A unanimous voice vote of members present was received. Judge Larry Gendler and Monica Miles Steffens were absent. Motion carried.

**Adopt Procedural Rules**

**Roberts Rules of Order**

A motion was made by Kim Culp to adopt Roberts Rules of Order, seconded by Rachel Daugherty. A unanimous voice vote of members present was received. Judge Larry Gendler and Monica Miles Steffens were absent. Motion carried.

### **Rule for publication of public notices**

A motion was made by Kim Culp to give published notice of meetings to the public by posting to the Nebraska Government Website public meeting calendar, seconded by Ellen Brokofsky. A unanimous voice vote of members present was received. Judge Larry Gendler and Monica Miles Steffens were absent. Motion carried.

### **Self-introduction of Committee Members**

Committee members introduced themselves giving a brief overview of their background.

Ron Johns joined by Telehealth connection from Scottsbluff at 2:28PM.

### **Overview of Committee duties and resources**

Martin Klein and Ellen Brokofsky provided an overview of the committee's duties. The overview included the language from LB821 that created the committee. The resources available to the committee were also reviewed.

### **DHHS Overview and General Discussion**

Terri Nutzman, Jana Peterson, and Dan Scarborough provided a handout with slides on the current DHHS/OJS structure and statistics regarding the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) in Kearney and Geneva. The group discussed various issues related to the information presented and asked for additional data to be provided by DHHS. Due to the amount of discussion, the DHHS overview was not completed. The remainder of the information will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

The topics that were discussed included the OJS and YRTC annual reports, the front loading of services early in the process, working with the community to try and keep kids from committing offenses, the need for additional data/information in case files, and a need to look at ways to creatively involve both kids and parents in the justice system process. DHHS also provided the specifics of girls and boys programs at the YRTCs.

An additional committee of the OJS subcommittee was formed to look at the progress that has been made on LR196 recommendations. The committee will be chaired by Corey Steel. The committee members are Jana Peterson, Terri Nutzman, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Doug Koebnick, and Dan Scarborough.

**Next Meeting Date**

A motion was made by Jana Peterson, and seconded by Kim Culp, to move the November 8, 2012 meeting from BryanLGH West to the Kearney YRTC. Additional information about the details of the meeting will be provided to Committee members.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Corey Steel to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ellen Brokofsky. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.