

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

Second Meeting

November 8, 2012

1:00-3:00PM

Region 3 Behavioral Health Services
4009 6th Avenue, Suite 65, Kearney NE

Call to Order

Martin Klein called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, Dalene Walker, and Pastor Tony Sanders.

Acting as resources to the committee: Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Dan Scarborough and Hank Robinson.

Members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Terri Nutzman and Amy Williams.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Nick Juliano to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Sarah Forrest. A unanimous voice vote of members present was received. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, and Anne Hobbs were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of September 26, 2012, Minutes

A motion was made by Pastor Tony Sanders to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2012, meeting, seconded by Corey Steel. A unanimous voice vote of members present was received. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, and Anne Hobbs were absent. Motion carried.

LR196 Review Committee Report Out

Corey Steel and the other subcommittee members present (Jana Peterson, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Doug Koebernick, and Dan Scarborough) provided the group with information on

the review and updating of the LR196 report. This OJS subcommittee was formed to look at the progress that has been made on LR196 recommendations. The committee discussed the updates that were made to recommendations 1 through 3. The committee decided to continue the review of the updated report at the next meeting. Committee members that had toured the Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) earlier in the day provided feedback to the committee on this tour.

Our Vision for Juvenile Justice – Preparation for a Plan of Action

Ellen Brokofsky and Marty Klein led the group in a discussion about the work the committee needs to complete based on the requirements in LB821. The group discussed that they had three years to complete the review and recommendations for the YRTCs, and the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services.

The committee members indicated that it would be helpful to have an overview of the Juvenile Justice process and for a glossary of terms to be created. Corey Steel and Kim Hawekotte indicated that they had information on an overview that was previously created. Committee members were asked to send any overview ideas and glossary items to Leesa.Sorensen@Nebraska.gov for overview and glossary documents to be created for a future meeting.

Nebraska Children’s Commission Strategic Plan Recommendations Discussion

The committee continued its discussion of the Plan of Action and included the process of creating recommendations for the Nebraska Children’s Commission. The committee concluded that more time was needed to thoughtfully review and make initial recommendations on the Office of Juvenile Services and the YRTCs.

A motion was made by Kim Hawekotte and seconded by Sarah Forrest to create a report that would become a place holder for the Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee in the Nebraska Children’s Commission strategic plan with a notation that the OJS Committee will have initial recommendations to the Commission by July 1, 2013. Voting Yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Jana Peterson, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, Dalene Walker, and Pastor Tony Sanders. Rachel Daugherty, Judge Larry Gendler, and Anne Hobbs were absent. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Date

The Committee chairs determined that a four hour meeting was necessary to get through a majority of the LR196 report. November 28 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm was chosen as the date and time of the meeting. A location for the meeting was to be determined at a later date.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Forrest to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Johns. The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.