

Nebraska Children's Commission

Sixteenth Meeting
October 16, 2013
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Country Inn and Suites, Lighthouse Room
5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 9:08 am and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen.

Commission Members absent: Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Susan Staab.

Ex Officio Members present: Ellen Brokofsky, Senator Kathy Campbell, Hon. Linda Porter, Thomas Pristow, Vicky Weisz, and Kerry Winterer.

Ex Officio Members absent: Senator Colby Coash, Senator Jeremy Nordquist, and Julie Rogers.

Also in attendance: Leesa Sorensen from the Nebraska Children's Commission.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the agenda, as written. The motion was seconded by John Northrop. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Susan Staab were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of September 17, 2013, Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded by John Northrop. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop,

Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen. Voting no: none. Norman Langemach abstained. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Susan Staab were absent. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Karen Authier provided a brief chair's report. The Nebraska Children's Commission website is still in the design phase and Leesa hopes to have something ready within the next two weeks after the meeting. The applications for the Policy Analyst position have been screened. Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, and Karen Authier will be interviewing 4 candidates for the position and hope to have the position filled as soon as possible. The Alternative Response task force group has not come together yet, but is in the process of trying to find a time to meet. Karen also noted that Dr. Janine Fromm from Magellan would be giving a presentation on the Children's Champions Program at 11:00am.

Legislative Update

Senator Kathy Campbell provided a legislative update on upcoming interim study hearings that are scheduled for late October and early November. A hearing is scheduled for October 25 for LR387 which examines how Nebraska is utilizing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds and LR238 which examines the Access Nebraska system, as well as the separation of the economic assistance programs from the medicaid program. This hearing will also include a Department of Health and Human Services briefing on Title IV-E.

The second set of hearings is scheduled for November 14. These hearings will cover LR312 which examines issues relating to the child protective services system within DHHS; LR261 which examines barriers to permanent placements for Nebraska children who have been placed out of the home and are wards of the state; and LR262 which examines the high rate of placement of Nebraska's Native American children involved in the foster care system.

Senator Campbell also provided a brief update on: a joint hearing on December 9 with the HHS Committee and the BSDC Special Committee; Medicaid expansion; and LR22 which is examining Nebraska health care in 15 years.

Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory Committee Report

Mary Jo Pankoke gave a brief report on the Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory (YAVSSA) Committee. The six workgroups of the YAVSSA Committee are continuing to meet. The workgroups are working in collaboration with internal DHHS workgroups to further develop the recommendations for the report that is due on December 15, 2013. The full YAVSSA Committee will meet on November 5 to review and finalize the next round of recommendations. The YAVSSA Committee anticipates having the next round of

recommendations ready to present to the Nebraska Children's Commission at the November meeting.

Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee Report

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

The Juvenile Services (OJS) Committee met on October 8, 2013, to continue facilitated discussions on the requirements of LB 561. Joan Frances facilitated the discussion with assistance from Joyce Schmeekle. The committee continued their work on drafting framework recommendations to add to the strategic planning efforts. The committee also discussed the future role of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in the juvenile justice system. The committee will meet on November 12, 2013, to review the draft report that is being created by Schmeekle Research Inc. from the committee's prior work. It is the intention of the committee that the finalized draft Juvenile Services (OJS) committee report will be delivered to the Nebraska Children's Commission for consideration at its November 19, 2013 meeting.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee Report

Peg Harriott gave a verbal report on the committee's first meeting which is scheduled for Friday, October 18 from 9:00am to noon. The committee will be reviewing the work of the previous committee, monitoring the Assessment Pilot Project and developing recommendations regarding foster care rates, including attention to an administrative rate issue for agency based foster care in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by LB530.

DHHS Report

Thomas Pristow gave a DHHS report. Thomas noted that DHHS has received the IV-E waiver and that the document was available on the DHHS website. Thomas commended Sara Goscha and her team for working with the federal partners to ensure that the IV-E waiver was granted. Thomas noted that additional work was needed to address a corrective action plan. Thomas also noted that DHHS was working with Senator Coash on Alternative Response and the upcoming interim study hearing. Results Based Accountability was being pushed back to April 1 to align with other implementation dates. Thomas also noted that he and his staff would be part of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate committee meeting on October 19.

Update on Facilitated Conferencing and Mediation in Juvenile Court

Kerry Winterer and Vicky Weisz provided an update to the panel presentation from the September meeting. The update also related to letters between Chief Justice Mike Heavican and Kerry Winterer. It was noted that the issue of the letters was one of funding and the movement

of contract dates until October 1. Commission members were given copies of the letters discussed.

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to recess the Commission meeting until 11:00am when the Psychotropic Medications committee presenter was scheduled. The motion was seconded by Pam Allen. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Susan Staab were absent. Motion carried.

The Commission recessed at 10:30am.

The Commission reconvened at 11:00am.

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen.

Commission Members absent: Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Susan Staab.

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Psychotropic Medication Committee Reports

Jennifer Nelson gave a verbal update report on the committee's projects related to the adoption of the AACAP Position statement on the Oversight of Psychotropic Medication Use for Children in State Custody. DHHS has been working on establishing policies and procedures to implement the guidelines. In addition, Gregg Wright has been developing computer based Psychotropic Medication training. The committee will be meeting in November or early December to get an update on the DHHS activities and to give input on the computer training modules.

Jennifer then introduced Dr. Janine B. Fromm from Magellan.

Children's Champions Program

Dr. Fromm provided information on the use of psychotropic medications with very young children and youth. Dr. Fromm noted that the Children's Champion program was coming from a study on the use of psychotropic medications for behavioral care and how those medications impact developing brains. She noted that Magellan is looking at the amount and doses of

medications especially to very young children. Dr. Fromm noted that most medication that are being used are not recommended for children. She also noted that she is in agreement with the medication guidelines that were endorsed by the Nebraska Children's Commission. She noted that Magellan is working to be an educator of others in the state and is an advocate of evidence-based therapies.

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to recess the Commission meeting for lunch and workgroup meetings. The motion was seconded by Marty Klein. Voting yes: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Nelson, John Northrop, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Becky Sorensen. Voting no: none. Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, David Newell, and Susan Staab were absent. Motion carried.

The Commission recessed at 11:32am.

The Commission reconvened at 1:07pm.

Commission Members present: Pam Allen, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Kim Hawekotte, Martin Klein, Andrea Miller, Mary Jo Pankoke, and Dale Shotkoski.

Commission Members absent: Nancy Forney, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Janteice Holston, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Jennifer Nelson, David Newell, John Northrop, Becky Sorensen, and Susan Staab.

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Phase II Strategic Plan – Workgroup Reports

Each workgroup reported on the work they are currently doing related to the four goals included in the Phase 1 Strategic Plan:

System of Care

The System of Care workgroup provided information on the kickoff meeting that is scheduled for October 29 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The contact information for signing up for the meeting was provided in a handout. The committee noted that the kickoff meeting will provide participants with an overview of the grant planning process. The workgroup noted that they will also need to work in the future with the Community Ownership workgroup to coordinate the workgroups recommendations.

Community Ownership

The Community Ownership workgroup noted that they are working on a list of questions regarding the mediation centers. The group is also discussing how to help communities take

ownership of population data. The workgroup is also formulating the next series of recommendations.

Workforce

The Workforce workgroup noted that they had draft recommendations for the workgroups review but they did not have a representation of the whole group in order to make any decisions on those recommendations.

Technology

The Technology workgroup noted that they had met every month. The workgroup has received a presentation on the Iowa data warehouse and has reviewed reports related to the Georgetown project and data sharing. The workgroup will meet on November 1 at 1:30pm to review other technology solutions. The workgroup noted that it was likely that they would have recommendations by December for planning to empower the IT workgroup with a 5-10 year plan.

New Business

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is November 19, 2013, 9:00am-3:00pm at the Country Inn and Suites, 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting will be held in the Omaha room.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kim Hawekotte to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beth Baxter. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.