

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

Seventh Meeting
April 9, 2013
1:30PM-5:00PM
Nebraska State Capitol (Room 1126)
1445 K Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Ellen Brokofsky called the meeting to order at 1:40pm and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker.

Acting as resources to the committee: Stacey Conroy, Tony Green, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, and Amy Williams.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Martin Klein, Anne Hobbs, and Pastor Tony Sanders.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Liz Neeley, Hank Robinson, and Dan Scarborough.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Corey Steel to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Kim Culp. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Judge Larry Gendler, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Voting no: none. Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

Approval of March 12, 2013, Minutes

A motion was made by Nick Juliano to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013, meeting, seconded by Ron Johns. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Judge Larry Gendler, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Voting no: none. Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

Co-Chair's Report

Ellen noted that work was continuing on LB561. She also noted that the committee needed to continue its work as it related to the charge in LB821. It was noted that the work needed to move forward for the group to meet the July 1, 2013, deadline for recommendations.

Nominees for Open Committee Position

The committee discussed nominations for a person to fill the position that was opened do to Rachael Daugherty's resignation. The committee suggested expanding the committee membership to include representatives from the Department of Education, a behavioral health region, the Juvenile Justice Coalition, and the Crime Commission. Committee members were asked to e-mail nominee names and contact information to Leesa before the May 14 meeting.

YRTC Update

Tony Green was welcomed as the new Deputy Director for OJS.

Legislative Update

Stacey Conroy from Senator Ashford's office and Doug Koebernick from Senator Lathrop's office gave an update on pending legislation. They specifically gave an overview of the proposed amendments to LB561. It was noted that under the changes proposed to LB561, the committee may be given additional duties, closing the YRTCs was no longer a part of the bill, and the legislature would be looking at juvenile justice funding and the process between state versus county aid.

Amy Williams from Senator McGill's office noted that LB556 and LB216 were also moving forward. Amy noted that in LB216 extending aid for kids aging out of the juvenile justice system had been removed from the bill as a cost savings measure.

At the end of the legislative update, a motion was made by Ellen Brokofsky that "The committee will support continued examination of the YRTCs as stipulated in LB561, but that the committee was specifically requesting resource support for consultants and reimbursement for reasonable expenses for committee members". The motion was seconded by Monica Miles Steffens. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Voting no: Kim Hawekotte. Abstaining: Jana Peterson. Marty Klein, Sarah Forrest, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

Review of Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service

The committee discussed the impact of LB561 and the current work done toward having recommendations for the Nebraska Children's Commission by July 1, 2013. It was noted that the discussions about pending legislation had taken time and focus away from the previous work the committee had done. A motion was made by Jana Peterson, and seconded by Ron Johns to

get back to the original intent of the sub-committee and its original design as noted in LB821. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Kim Hawekotte, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Corey Steel, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dalene Walker. Voting no: None. Marty Klein, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, and Pastor Tony Sanders were absent. Motion carried.

The committee then suggested that a work plan be created for the May and June meetings so that the committee could spend two working days on the recommendations process. Monica Miles Steffens, Sarah Forrest, and Dalene Walker volunteered to help Ellen and Marty craft a work plan for the May 14 and June 11 all day meetings.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2013 from 9:00AM to 4:30PM. The details of the meeting will be sent to committee members as soon as possible.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ron Johns to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Forrest. The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Seventy-Seventh Day

*Tuesday, May 14, 2013
9:00 a.m.*

*One Hundred Third Legislature
First Session*

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- Prayer by the Chaplain
 - Call to Order - Roll Call
 - Corrections for the Journal
 - Messages, Reports, Announcements

GENERAL FILE: 2013 SENATOR PRIORITY BILL

- LB 543 (*Chambers*) Change a penalty from death to life imprisonment or life imprisonment without possibility of parole

NO LATER THAN 1:30 P.M. -- MOTIONS TO OVERRIDE GUBERNATORIAL VETOES

- LB 553e (*Nordquist*) Change actuarial valuation of retirement systems and school employee retirement provisions (Motion made by Senator Nordquist, Journal Page to be announced)
- LB 553Ae (*Nordquist*) Appropriation Bill (Motion made by Senator Nordquist, Journal Page to be announced)

SELECT FILE: BUDGET BILLS

- LB 196 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature
- LB 197 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers
- LB 195 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Appropriate funds for state government expenses
- LB 198 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition
- LB 199 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Provide fund transfers, create funds, and authorize the sale of land
- LB 194 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Provide for deficit appropriations
- LB 200 (*Speaker Adams, at the request of the Governor*) Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund

SELECT FILE: STATE CLAIMS BILL

- LB 536 (*Business and Labor Committee*) Approve claims against the state

SELECT FILE: 2013 PRIORITY BILLS (Any bill with an amendment, other than an E & R amendment, will be passed over.)

- LB 483 (*Bolz*) Provide for a reentry planning pilot program in adult correctional facilities
- LB 483A (*Bolz*) Appropriation Bill
- LB 623 (*Price*) Change provisions relating to bridge construction and road improvements
- LB 583 (*Haar*) Provide duties for the Climate Assessment Response Committee
- LB 66 (*Schilz*) Provide for redevelopment of formerly used defense sites under the Community Development Law

- LB 93 *(Dubas)* Provide for notation of veteran status on drivers' licenses and state identification cards and provide for a registry of veterans
- LB 93A *(Dubas)* Appropriation Bill
- LB 410 *(Sullivan)* Change and eliminate provisions relating to education

SELECT FILE: 2013 COMMITTEE PRIORITY BILLS

- LB 341 *(Wightman)* Change tax sale procedures
- LB 563 *(Krist)* Change provisions relating to contracts for services
- LB 561 *(Ashford)* Change provisions relating to juvenile justice and juvenile facilities and add a juvenile court judge

SELECT FILE: 2013 SENATOR PRIORITY BILLS

- LB 634 *(Davis)* Adopt the Wildfire Control Act of 2013
- LB 634A *(Davis)* Appropriation Bill
- LB 497 *(Sullivan)* Change provisions relating to funding for education from lottery funds
- LB 140 *(Krist)* Change provisions of the Airport Zoning Act

GENERAL FILE: 2013 COMMITTEE PRIORITY BILL

- LB 568 *(Harr)* Provide for licensure of insurance navigators
- LB 568A *(Harr)* Appropriation Bill

- Messages on the President's Desk
- Adjourn until Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

2013 Annual Conference
May 8-10th, 2013
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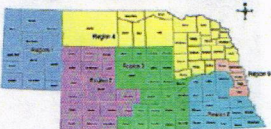
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8: PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR

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9:30-10:00 am: *Registration*

10:00 am: *KEYNOTE: What I've Learned Along the Way*

Your biography is the roadmap to your future. Knowing "who you were when" gives insight on how to achieve the life you want right now. Eddie takes participants through his own biography to reveal personal truths, setbacks and triumphs to show how the unfolding chapters build momentum for future success.

Starting with yourself helps you to see how you best fit into a team. By understanding the struggles and lessons of our past relationships, we can discover how to best work with others in a team setting. Once you realize your role among the group, true collaboration can begin. After all, combining the individual with the community is what teamwork is all about!

12:00-1:30 pm: *Lunch and Special Interest Group Meetings*

1:30-4:45 pm: *Facilitated Work on Collective Impact*

During the afternoon, we will build the case for collaboration and collective impact by hearing from jurisdictions in Nebraska doing the work. Learn how they have overcome barriers, braided resources, and found sustainability for effective youth services. Followed by facilitated breakout groups designed to connect stakeholders from across systems and develop action steps for collective impact in Nebraska.



Eddie Slowikowski

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00-9:00 am: *Registration*

9:00-9:15 am: *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

9:15-10:15 am: **KEYNOTE: Motivational Mentoring: Harnessing the Power of Patterned Behavior** ▲
Ean Garrett, J.D., Author and Motivational Speaker

The human experience is based upon our ability to analyze patterns and determine how those patterns correlate with the world around us. Author Ean Garrett explains how the discovery of positive behavioral patterns helped him defy the statistical probabilities of a disadvantaged youth and further discusses the benefits of helping other at-risk youth to do the same.



Ean Garrett, J.D.

10:15-10:30 am: *Break*

10:30 am-12:00 pm: *Breakout Sessions*

Infinite Eight Training Module - Ean Garrett, J.D. & Deborah Neary, Executive Director, Midlands Mentoring Partnership

The Infinite Eight Program can be described as a journey to defeat one's imperfections and ultimately evolve into a superior person altogether. The training module will provide participants with a brief introduction and show how the benefits of mastering positive behavioral patterns can make an impact on at-risk youth.

Bad, Mad, or Scared? Exploring the Linkages Between Childhood Trauma, School Disengagement, and Involvement in the Juvenile Court System - Dr. Shawn Marsh, Chief Program Officer, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges ▲★

This session will present how trauma—particularly complex trauma in childhood—can lead to a host of challenging behaviors associated with struggles in relationships, disengagement from school, and involvement in the justice system. Participants will learn how physiological responses to chronic stress—such as domestic violence—can have a profound impact on brain development; how subsequent adaptive skills can push youth away from protective influences such as school; and how justice, educational, and allied systems can become more trauma-informed at all points of contact with children, youth, and families.

Drug Trends in Nebraska - Bruce Ferrell, MGIA President

This breakout session will address the different drug trends and types of drugs being distributed across the state. With some of these drugs, their precursors and manufacturing processes will also be discussed. Dangers to children—from exposure to these drugs and their mandatory reporting requirements—will also be discussed.

Fighting for Change - Brenda Jennings, Communications Consultant & Julie Kindler, Program Development Manager, Nebraska Probation Administration ▲★

Discover key motivational interviewing techniques and unlock the spirit to communicate effectively with high-risk youth. Feel firsthand what it's like to resist change and experience how to respond to those youth who seem helplessly stuck in resisting change. Change who does the talking, and you will find the answers.

12:00- 1:15 pm: *Awards Luncheon*

1:30-2:45 pm: **KEYNOTE: Implicit Social Cognition and the Justice System: The Pros and Cons of Autopilot**
Dr. Shawn Marsh, Chief Operating Officer of Juvenile Law, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges ▲★

Social cognition—the processes by which we acquire and act on information about others—has a substantial role in our decision making at all points in the justice system. By definition, social cognition involves an interaction between personal experiences, implicit and explicit beliefs, role identity, institutional culture, and physical environments. This session will help participants better understand social cognition—particularly implicit bias—within a justice context and to provide potential strategies to improve decision-making processes.



Dr. Shawn Marsh

2:45-3:00 pm: *Break*

3:00-4:30 pm: *Breakout Sessions*

Why Relationships Matter - Lisa Nicklas, Co-CEO, Christian Heritage ▲★

Christian Heritage is facilitating a dynamic curriculum on health relationships for high-risk youth in the juvenile justice system. Youth learn how to have safe, healthy, long-term relationships despite their past. Key components include communication and conflict resolution skills, the importance of physical and emotional safety, commitment, and forgiveness.

Road(blocks) to Recovery: Accessing Mental Health Care for Children and Youth
Deborah Anderson, MSW, Ph.D. & Geoffrey C. Anderson, Ph.D. ▲★

It is well established that almost 70% of youth in the juvenile justice system suffer from mental disorders and that juvenile justice professionals are often their first and only chance for help (NCMHJJ, 2007). Yet many juvenile justice professionals are frustrated by trying to navigate the mental health system when seeking the best treatment for the youth they serve. In this presentation, we will de-mystify mental health services in Nebraska in three ways. First, we will describe the differences between assessments and evaluations; then we will define the various levels of care; and finally, we will discuss which evidence-based treatments are recommended for which types of problems. In doing so, we hope to remove some of the obstacles that frustrate you as you help youth begin the road to recovery.

Gang Trends in Nebraska - Bruce Ferrell, President MGIA ▲★

This breakout session will provide participants with a general familiarization of the major gangs operating in Nebraska. It will discuss signs, symbols, and other identifiers for the groups. The session will also discuss the mentality of gang members and how that affects working with clients in the field.

Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare and Education: Legislative Update and Cross-Systems Collaborations- Michele Borg, OHP
Facilitator/Coordinator for Nebraska Department of Education & Panel

Academic outcomes for students involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems are disheartening, both nationally and here in Nebraska. In their lives outside the classroom, they may face obstacles to learning, scholastic achievement and future success. Academic pursuits may become secondary to the immediacy of legal decisions that, while necessary for their safety and well-being, result in personal, family and school upheaval. This session opens with an overview of 2013 legislation that impacts child welfare, juvenile justice and education. A variety of cross-systems collaborations designed to support school stability and improve academic outcomes are highlighted.

4:30-5:00 pm:

Closing Plenary Session: There has been significant legislation regarding juvenile justice during this legislative session. Join us for this panel presentation for an update on juvenile justice legislation in Nebraska and what it could mean for you and your agency.

5:00-6:30 pm:

NJJA Networking Reception - Hors d'oeuvres and networking with a chance to win great prizes!

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:00-9:00 am:

Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 am:

Breakout Sessions

Bully Intervention - Brooks Gibbs, Author and Motivational Speaker ★

In this session, Brooks addresses the variety of bullying scenarios and how the Golden Rule is applied to each. You will learn how to turn victims from losers into winners in as little as one week. When kids know how not to be victims, no one can bully them, and they don't need to wait for the world to change. (The same principles work with adult bullying!)

Adolescence and Other Temporary Mental Disorders - Dr. Patrick C. Friman, Ph.D., ABPP, Boys Town ▲★

In this talk, Dr. Pat Friman will argue that there is rarely anything truly wrong with troublesome adolescents other than adolescence itself. He will characterize adolescence as a period of temporary insanity that is fraught with problems—often perilous ones—and that is almost always normal from a developmental perspective. He will discuss the role that the developing adolescent brain plays in their erratic behavior. He will describe some common disorders of adolescence but, rather than using psychiatric labels, he will supply more normative ones such as rationality in abstinent disorder, situational mutism, moral relativitas, or woicismenia. He will conclude his talk with 10 behaviorally oriented tips for dealing effectively with adolescent lunatics.

Utilizing Consumer Voice - Cassy Rockwell, Youth Engagement Coordinator, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and Youth Panel ▲

Improving the outcomes young people provides a common purpose for our Juvenile Justice System. Positive youth development can aid organizations in reaching this goal through empowering teens and young adults to find power and purpose in their experience. This session will help participants understand how to encourage youth to strategically share their system experiences with partners and funders, explore tactics for capturing and packaging this feedback, and identify methods for integrating consumer feedback into staff and program development.

I'm here to Help, Trust Me - Brenda Jennings, Communications Consultant & Julie Kindler, Program Development Manager, Nebraska Probation Administration ▲★

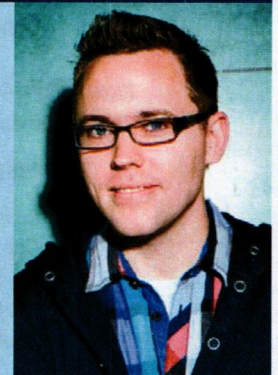
Gain rapport and trust with adolescents by learning and living the MI Spirit. Open your mind and challenge yourself to experience compassion, collaboration, acceptance, and evocation. Learn tips and strategies on how to convey the true spirit of MI through every encounter you have to create a safe environment that invites openness and shows adolescents you are on their side and here to help.

10:15-10:30 am:

Break

10:30 am-12:00 pm: CLOSING KEYNOTE: Love Is Greater Than Hate ★

The ancient solution to end bullying can be found in The Golden Rule empowered by the virtue of Love. Brooks demonstrates how we can empower students to be calm and kind in the face of adversity, stopping the bullying behavior immediately. You will learn the importance of building resilience and character in order to survive in a verbally hostile society.



Brooks Gibbs

▲ This session is eligible for criminogenic CEU hours for Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project providers.

★ This session is eligible for Mental Health Practitioner Continuing Education Hours.

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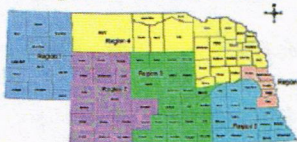
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FEATURED SPEAKERS

BROOKS GIBBS

Brooks Gibbs is the author of the best selling book *Love is Greater Than Hate, The Ultimate Strategy To End Bullying*. Over the last decade, he has spoken to over 1 million people in seven countries around the world, sharing a powerful message of hope to those who might be victims of bullying. Brooks has partnered with renowned school psychologist Izzy Kalman to develop simple, powerful techniques that empower students to take care of their own social problems, becoming more resilient in the process.

EAN GARRETT

Ean Garrett has been a national spokesperson for MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, and has spoken at national venues such as Viacom in New York City, and the historic Lincoln Theater and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Ean has reviewed grants for the United States Dept. of Education and featured in *The Handbook of Youth Mentoring* by David L. Dubois, as well as *Mott Mosaic* and *Imagine* magazines. Recently, Ean Garrett released his literary debut, *Rebirth of a Dream: A Young Black Man's Mission to Resurrect His Father's Vision*, to critical acclaim. Ean is founder of the Infinite Institute to bring entrepreneurial and leadership training to young Black men.

SHAWN C. MARSH

Dr. Shawn C. Marsh, Ph.D., is Chief Program Officer of Juvenile Law at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Dr. Marsh is a social psychologist with research and teaching interests in the areas of psychology and the law, juvenile justice, resiliency, positive youth development, and social cognition. He has worked with youth in correctional settings as an educator and mental health clinician, and he is a licensed school counselor, professional counselor, and clinical professional counselor. He is affiliated with the University of Nevada, and his research appears in many scholarly journals.



OTHER SESSION TOPICS

- ✓ Mentoring at risk youth
- ✓ Trauma informed care
- ✓ Drug trends
- ✓ Motivational interviewing with high risk youth
- ✓ Gang trends
- ✓ Mental health
- ✓ Engaging youth voice
- ✓ Bullying
- ✓ Adolescent brain development.

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- ✓ Probation Officers
- ✓ OJS/HHS Workers
- ✓ Service Providers
- ✓ Educators
- ✓ Diversion Workers
- ✓ Mental Health Professionals
- ✓ Judges
- ✓ Law Enforcement
- ✓ Legal Professionals
- ✓ Prevention

For more information, visit our website: www.NJJA.org. Full registration will be available by March 15, 2013.
For registration information, contact: Glenda Hinz, glenda@hinztime.com

Watch for more details on the pre-seminar on May 8 promoting leadership and collaboration.

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2013 Award and Scholarship Opportunities

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EVELYN E. LABODE SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD

In September 2011, the NJJA renamed the Service to Youth Award to the Evelyn E. Labode Service to Youth Award. Evelyn was a passionate advocate for youth and families and a strong supporter of NJJA. This award embodies Evelyn's passion with NJJA's goals of recognizing a professional in a field who demonstrates commitment, initiative, and advocacy on behalf of the youth and families they serve.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

This NEW award was established in September 2011 to recognize an individual in a management capacity who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in serving youth and families in the juvenile justice profession.

2013 SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD

The Spirit of Youth Award recognizes a young adult who has made great strides following involvement with the juvenile justice system; has overcome personal obstacles; and is making significant contributions to society. The award provides the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the public an important opportunity to learn from a young person's direct experience about the hard work and dedication it takes to build a better life, and how juvenile justice professionals and systems can most effectively support the youth they serve.

For more information on scholarships or awards, application/nomination criteria, selection process and award presentation go to www.NJJA.org.

If you have questions, please contact Peg Barner at (402) 471-8402 or peg.barner@nebraska.gov.

Deadline for scholarship and award nominations is April 1, 2013.

Scholarship and award recipients will be recognized at the NJJA Conference Luncheon on May 9, 2013.

For a brochure or more information about the conference, visit: www.NJJA.org. Full registration will be available by March 15, 2013. For registration information, contact: Glenda Hinz, glenda@hinztime.com

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Announcement and Call for Posters

Since 1976, the NJJA Annual Conference has served as a conduit for disseminating innovative information for professionals working with adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system. In 2013, NJJA will offer poster sessions as an avenue for students and professionals to share new information about research, programmatic outcomes, and general information sharing related to adolescents.

Call for posters: Submit by April 1, 2013

Subjects of interest include:

- ✓ Juvenile justice
- ✓ Collaboration across systems
- ✓ Use of risk assessment instruments
- ✓ Assessment
- ✓ Prevention strategies
- ✓ Probation and community supervision
- ✓ Tracking outcomes
- ✓ Advocacy and impacting policy/legislation in juvenile justice
- ✓ Mental health issues

Guidelines for Submissions

Page 1 For each presenter: Name, degree, title, affiliation, address, phone, fax, and email
Title of Poster session
Type of session (research, practice)
One page/paragraph suitable for printing in syllabus/program

Page 2 Presenters Names with degrees/title and one paragraph bio for each presenter
Two references with phone number for each presenter
Attach curriculum vitae/resume for each presenter

Each submission will be reviewed by the NJJA committee for applicability.
Selected poster presentation will receive one (1) free conference registration.
Questions? Call Mike Renn at 402-441-5615.

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