

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

Eleventh Meeting
September 10, 2013
9:00AM-4:30PM
Child Advocacy Center
5025 Garland Street, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Ellen Brokofsky and Marty Klein called the meeting to order at 9:15am 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, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Jim Bennett, Tony Green, Liz Hruska, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Liz Neeley, Jenn Piatt, Dan Scarborough, and Amy Williams.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Tina Marroquin, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Hank Robinson and Julie Rogers.

Also attending: Leesa Sorensen, Nebraska Children's Commission.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of August 13, 2013, Minutes

A motion was made by Jana Petersen to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013, meeting, seconded by Sarah Forrest. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb

Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Tina Marroquin, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

Co-chair's Report

Ellen Brokofsky and Marty Klein gave a co-chair's report. Marty informed the committee that the Nebraska Children's Commission had confirmed the addition of Cindy Gans to the committee at the August Children's Commission meeting. Ellen made open comments about the facilitation process. Ellen informed the group that three facilitator proposals were received. The selection committee decided upon Schmeckle Research Inc. Ellen and Marty provided an overview of the facilitation activities for the day. The rest of the meeting was devoted to the facilitation discussion.

Strategic Planning Discussion

Joyce Schmeckle, Joan Frances, and Will Schmeckle introduced themselves to the group. Joan then began the facilitation process by giving the group an overview of the work plan framework as noted in the agenda.

The group agreed upon the following suggestions in response to the question "What are the ideal outcomes you see for youth in the next 5-10 years?":

Ideal Outcomes for Youth

- In their own community
- Educated and employed
- Built for success
- Healthy relationships
- Healthy youth: physically, emotionally, spiritually
- Safe
- Parental involvement and family attachment

What needs to change in order to reach these outcomes?

- Intervention and models of support
- Limit access to the juvenile justice system
- Establish a medical home for youth with a comprehensive system of care (physical and emotional)
- Close the gaps of services
- Early intervention (reach youth before problems occur)
- Legal representation for youth
- Fix the disproportionate minority representation

- Mechanism with safeguards to reduce disproportionate minority involvement in juvenile justice
- Effective practices that reduce further involvement
- Reliable and consistent data
- Reliance on data for decision making
- Address community norms
 - Educate and inform the community with effective messaging and communication
 - Messaging needs to be around economic impact, measuring tool, and cost
- Integrated resources (breaking down silos)
- Effective use of financial resources
- Accountability and responsibility for youth
 - Counties vs. state system
- Involvement of community partnerships
- Awareness of the political agenda
 - Long-term investments vs. short-term fix
- Toleration of risk
- Conduct evaluation of the change
 - Identify measures and provide adequate resources
- Engaging families throughout the continuum of services
- Maintain fluidity with responsiveness to system changes (continuous quality improvement)
- Evidence based/evidence-informed practice
- Incorporate the youth voice
 - Youth participation
 - Youth-centered
 - Youth/adult partnerships
- Quality/trained staff and professionals
 - Trained in evidence based and evidence informed practices
 - Trained in medication management
 - Trained in child and adolescent mental health
- Analysis of cost/benefits and economic impact assessments
- System has to be fluid and responsive
- Communities need to do self-examination
- Partnerships with a culture of inclusion
- Change circle
- Common definitions and a common language
- Match treatment by needs not by money

The group then provided information on the elements for the ideal juvenile treatment system. The ideas discussed and agreed upon are recorded in the following chart.

The Ideal Juvenile Treatment System

<p style="text-align: center;">Core Principles: •Family inclusive •Community based •Needs based •Safe •Client centered •Evidence based •Adjustable</p>						
Community Systems	Stakeholder Education	Screening and Assessments	Provider Capacity	Core Service Components	Service Quality	Re-entry Planning
<p>Comprehensive effective prevention</p> <p>Access to needed services without court involvement</p> <p>Early identification through screenings, schools, primary care providers</p>	<p>Educate on treatment options to the Bar and others</p> <p>Engage judicial bench and legal parties in system design and evaluation</p> <p>Prosecutor role and education</p> <p>Law enforcement role and education</p>	<p>Timely and effective use of consistent tools across systems</p> <p>Strength based: family involved and youth identify needs</p> <p>Culturally and gender validated</p> <p>Evaluations occur in a safe and therapeutic environment</p> <p>Fluid process for selection of tools: make changes as needed</p>	<p>Licensed providers for youth</p> <p>Adequate provider compensation</p> <p>Grow qualified professional providers</p> <p>Skilled providers for the population they are serving</p> <p>Culturally and linguistically competent</p> <p>Training for the workforce</p>	<p>Maintain family contact and involvement during treatment</p> <p>Treatment that is developmentally and culturally appropriate</p> <p>Gender specific programming</p> <p>Treatment model to include substance abuse, mental illness, and behavioral health</p>	<p>Matching services to correct provider and correct location</p> <p>Fidelity to models</p> <p>Resources to train and measure fidelity</p> <p>Levels of services needed</p> <p>No eject, no reject</p> <p>Regular assessment of service plans and adjustments as necessary</p> <p>Incentivize evidence based/best practice</p>	<p>Discharge planning and after care supports</p> <p>Review of students returning to education system and timeliness of returns</p> <p>Based on treatment goals and objectives</p>

A motion was made by Jana Peterson to recess the committee meeting for lunch. The motion was seconded by Monica Miles Steffens. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Ron Johns, Nick Juliano, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Tina Marroquin, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

The committee recessed at 11:54a.m.

The committee reconvened at 1:08p.m.

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Strategic Planning Discussion (continued)

The group continued its discussion of the various aspects of the juvenile justice process. All strategic planning notes are reflected above.

YRTC Information

Jana Peterson and Dan Scarbrough provided written reports with information on the Kearney and Geneva YRTCs. The reports provide information on school enrollment, special programs, upcoming events, and statistical information on each of the facilities. The group reviewed the data in each of the reports and asked Jana and Dan questions to inform the strategic planning process.

New Business

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2013 from 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Nick Juliano to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jana Peterson. The meeting adjourned at 3:27p.m.