

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

Seventeenth Meeting

April 8, 2014

9:00AM-3:00PM

Executive Building, Lower Level Conference Room

521 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Call to Order

Ellen Brokofsky and Marty Klein called the meeting to order at 9:11am 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 (9:23am), Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler (9:25am), Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs (9:25am), Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dr. Ken Zoucha (9:18am).

Acting as resources to the committee: Tony Green, Julie Rogers, and Dan Scarborough.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Nick Juliano, Tina Marroquin, Jana Peterson, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker.

Resource members absent: Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Jim Bennett, Liz Hruska, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Jenn Piatt, and Hank Robinson.

Also attending: Bethany Connor and Leesa Sorensen.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of March 11, 2014, Minutes

A motion was made by Ron Johns to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014, meeting, seconded by Sarah Forrest. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Corey Steel, and Monica Miles Steffens. Voting no: none. Kim Hawekotte abstained. Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Nick

Juliano, Tina Marroquin, Jana Peterson, Pastor Tony Sanders, Dalene Walker, and Dr. Ken Zoucha were absent. Motion carried.

Co-chair's Report

Ellen Brokofsky and Marty Klein gave a co-chair's report. Marty reminded the committee members that the group would be starting to look at community-based programs and would be further developing the recommendations from the Phase I strategic plan. Ellen announced that a Sherwood foundation grant had been received to expand in home services. Ellen then asked Corey Steel to provide additional information on the grant. Corey indicated that a series of meetings would be held throughout the state to discuss the expansion of in home services. The grant is for multiple years and will include the training of existing providers. An effort will also be made to coordinate this effort with the work being done on the system of care grant.

A motion was made by Ellen Brokofsky to extend an invitation to the Department of Behavioral Health of DHHS to have someone on the Juvenile Services (OJS) committee as a resource person. The motion was seconded by Kim Culp. Voting yes: Martin Klein, Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Kim Hawekotte, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Corey Steel, Monica Miles Steffens, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. Nick Juliano, Tina Marroquin, Jana Peterson, Pastor Tony Sanders, and Dalene Walker were absent. Motion carried.

Legislative Report

Bethany Connor provided a legislative update on the progress of LB464 and LB464A. The legislative update included information on facilitated conferencing, the administration of IV-E funds, juvenile court jurisdiction including jurisdiction until age 21, and changes to the truancy provisions.

Crime Commission Grant Process Update

Cindy Gans, Community Based Aid Administrator for the Crime Commission provided information on the 2014 community based aid program. The grant review took place on March 28th. Letters have been sent out to all sub-grantees with proposed recommendations from the grant review recommending an amount and contingencies to be fulfilled. Sub-grantees have 10 business days to appeal if they were denied or suggested at a lesser amount. The final recommendations go before the Crime Commission Board Meeting on May 2nd. Any appeals will be presented at this time also. Grants covered a variety of program needs including electronic monitoring, family support services, after-school programs, CASA, grant management, community planning coordination, diversion, mentoring, child advocacy, probation office space, transportation services, asset building and training, substance abuse prevention, school resource officer, truancy prevention and intervention, drug court liaison, translator services, JDAI Site Coordinators, educational prevention, WhyTry training, diversion training, cultural ambassador, crossover youth, shelter and foster care beds, and wraparound services.

On March 17th, the Nebraska Crime Commission announced the Request for Proposal for the 2014 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid [Additional Enhancement Aid Dollars] in the amount of \$76,773. Usually, these funds would be carried over, but this year is the end of the biennium which means that these remaining dollars would have been returned to the state. Applications to be considered will include a targeted scope with specific priorities. Priority will be given to those applicants that demonstrate a plan to provide training or technical assistance, open to all counties and tribes in Nebraska that address the priorities outlined in LB561. Second priority will be given to those requests that utilize funding for community planning efforts to assist in the upcoming community comprehensive juvenile services plan.

Community-based Programs Recommendations Discussion

The committee began looking at the recommendations related to Community-based programs from the Phase I Strategic Recommendations Document. The committee reviewed the analysis document that was created from the strategic plan and decided to begin the discussion by talking about the eight evidence-based principles. The eight principles are: 1-Assess Risk and Needs; 2-Build Motivation; 3-Target Interventions (Including Treatment and Sanctions) based on Risk and Needs; 4-Use Cognitive Behavioral Techniques to Teach and Practice New Skills; 5-Increase Positive Reinforcement; 6-Engage Ongoing Support in Natural Communities; 7-Measure Relevant Processes/Practices; and 8-Provide Measurement Feedback. The committee also reviewed the Proposed Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Continuum of Service document that was created during the Phase I process. The committee decided to look at diversion information for the next meeting.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2014 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Country Inn and Suites, 5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kim Hawekotte to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anne Hobbs. The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Juvenile Services [OJS] Committee

Community Based Programs

Background Materials for April OJS Meeting:

- *Phase I Strategic Recommendations*, Juvenile Services [OJS] Committee, pages 30-33.
- *Nebraska Juvenile Justice System Evaluation*, Terry Lee, M.D., pages 4-7.
- *Model of Community Ownership of Child Well-Being*, Community Ownership of Child Well-Being Workgroup, outlines a model to help communities build strong collaborations that are necessary to support community ownership of child well-being and achieve better outcomes for children.
- *Crossover Youth Practice Model*, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform Georgetown University, pages 4-16. This excerpt gives a brief overview of the Georgetown model to address the needs of youth involved in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
- *Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare*, Child Welfare Information Gateway. This issue brief gives an overview of protective factors that lessen risk of child maltreatment and community-level changes that can increase protective factors.
- *A Coordinated Response to Child Abuse and Neglect: The Foundation for Practice*, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau; p. 79-81. This excerpt gives a brief overview of principles for collaboration to protect children.

Optional Helpful Materials:

- Community Compass Website, www.midlandscommunitycompass.com, provides a comprehensive map of exempt organizations to assist in the assessments of the array of services.
- *Creating Community Responsibility for Child Protection: Possibilities and Challenges*, Daro, Deborah and Dodge, Kenneth, an examination of five different community prevention efforts. This work summarizes ten years of research on the role of communities in child safety and development. Accessible at: http://futureofchildren.org/futureofchildren/publications/docs/19_02-04.pdf.

- *Evaluation of Lancaster County Alternative to Juvenile Detention*, Juvenile Justice Institute University of Nebraska at Omaha. The document identifies a number of strategies to prevent detention and recidivism, and discusses the successes and challenges programs in Lancaster County have experienced. One key finding of the evaluation was that a lack of coordinated data was a barrier to referring youths to services and measuring program outcomes. Accessible at:
http://www.unomaha.edu/juvenilejustice/pdf/Eval_of_Lan_Cty_Alternatives_to_Detention.pdf.
- *Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement*, provides data related to juveniles in residential treatment. The most recent data for Nebraska is from 2011. 183 youths were detained and 486 youths were committed by court disposition to a facility. Of these totals, the most serious offenses for the youths are as follows: 201 youths committed crimes against persons, the remaining 468 youths committed property, drug, public order, status offenses, or technical violations. Accessible at:
www.ojdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezacjrp/asp/Offense_Adj.asp.

Related Stakeholder Groups: Nebraska Children's Commission Community Ownership of Child Wellbeing Workgroup; Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; University of Nebraska at Omaha Juvenile Justice Institute.