

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

Twenty - Second Meeting  
October 7, 2014  
9:00AM-3:00PM  
Country Inn and Suites Airport  
1301 W Bond Circle, Lincoln, NE 68521

### Call to Order

Ellen Brokofsky called the meeting to order at 9:06 am 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, Barb Fitzgerald (9:09) Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Tony Green, Doug Koebernick, Jenn Piatt, and Julie Rogers.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano.

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

Also attending: Bethany Connor and Leesa Sorensen from the Nebraska Children's Commission.

### Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Kim Culp to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Sarah Forrest. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

### Approval of August 12, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Ron Johns to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014, meeting, seconded by Barb Fitzgerald. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

### Co-chair's Report

Ellen Brokofsky gave a co-chair's report. Ellen invited the members of the Committee to introduce themselves and state their interest in juvenile justice. The members of the Committee held a discussion on their current roles and interest in juvenile justice.

#### **New Member and Co-Chair Discussion**

Ellen Brokofsky led a discussion of new members and co-chair. The Committee discussed open positions, including the position of co-chair. Ellen noted that the positions previously filled by former Co-chair Martin Klein, Dalene Walker, Tina Marroquin, and Pastor Tony Sanders would need to be filled. Sarah Forrest and Monica Miles-Steffens have taken other positions that require them to resign from the Committee.

Ellen Brokofsky made a motion to nominate Nicole Brundo as a voting member of the Juvenile Services Committee and to serve in the position of Co-Chair, Kim Culp seconded. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: Anne Hobbs. Sarah Forrest abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Ron Johns made a motion for Jeanne Brandner to fill Corey Steel's spot on the Juvenile Services Committee as a voting member; Monica Miles Steffens seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffen, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Ellen Brokofsky made a motion for Committee resource member Tony Green to join the Committee as a voting member, Dr. Ken Zoucha seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Monica Miles Steffens made a motion to approve Tom McBride as voting Committee member, to fulfill her slot on the Committee, Barb Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Judge Larry Gendler made a motion that one membership slot on the Committee should be filled by a member of the defense bar, Ron Johns seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Anne Hobbs made a motion that one membership slot on the Committee should be filled by a family or consumer voice, Kim Culp seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Dr. Ken Zoucha made a motion that a membership slot on the Committee should be filled by a representative of Magellan, Mark Mason seconded the motion. After discussion, Ellen Brokofsky made a motion to amend to invite a representative of Magellan as a resource, Mark Mason seconded the amendment. Dr. Zoucha accepted the amendment. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Ellen Brokofsky made a motion that a membership slot should be filled by an individual representing, with knowledge of, or occupation related to, disproportionate minority contact. Cindy Gans seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Judge Gendler made a motion to create three new membership slots on the Committee, including a family and consumer voice, a member of the defense bar, and a disproportionate minority contact representative as voting members, Barb Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ellen Brokofsky, Kim Culp, Barb Fitzgerald, Sarah Forrest, Cindy Gans, Judge Larry Gendler, Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Mark Mason, Jana Peterson, Monica Miles Steffens, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Kim Hawekotte and Nick Juliano were absent. Motion carried.

Julie Rogers will present these motions to the Nebraska Children's Commission at the next meeting, October 21, 2014. A voting member of the Nebraska Children's Commission will then make motions for the action of the Commission.

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

Ellen Brokofsky called the item of future meeting dates at this point, due to a number of members indicating a need to leave early. The next meeting will be held on November 13, at nine o'clock a.m., location TBA.

#### **Potential New Juvenile Justice Legislation**

Jennifer Piatt, legal counsel for the Judiciary Committee of the Nebraska State Legislature, led a discussion on potential new juvenile justice legislation. Senator Krist has made it a priority to move forward with continued investment in the juvenile justice systems. Jenn engaged the Committee by asking a number of questions for clarification regarding the contents of the Juvenile Services Committee Phase I Strategic Recommendations. The Committee engaged in a

discussion of the recommendations and provided Jenn with clarifying information. Jenn noted that she would release a draft of the bill to the Committee at a later date for review.

### **Juvenile Services Committee Report Priority Discussion**

The committee discussed prioritizing recommendations from the Phase I Strategic Recommendations Document. The committee agreed that due to time constraints, that this item will be discussed in depth at the November 13, 2014, meeting.

### **DHHS/Probation Joint Committee Overview**

Jeanne Brandner, Deputy Probation Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, and Tony Green, Deputy Director of the Office of Juvenile Services, gave a presentation to the Committee on the DHHS/Probation Joint Committee. They noted that the committee was focused on coordination and collaboration, and had begun discussing subjects such as YRTC re-entry and foster care services.

### **Council of State Government Re-Entry Project**

Jeanne Brandner, Deputy Probation Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, and Tony Green, Deputy Director of the Office of Juvenile Services, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Council of State Government Re-Entry Project. Nebraska is one of five states working with CSG. CSG will have staff members in Nebraska on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to discuss juvenile justice in Nebraska with stakeholders.

### **FSG Project in Douglas County**

Kim Culp, Douglas County Juvenile Assessment Center Director, gave the Committee an overview of the CSG project in Douglas County. Douglas County has entered into a ten month contract with FSG to look at the principles of Collective Impact to improve the juvenile justice system for children and youths.

### **Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)**

Monica Miles-Steffens, Director of Placement-Court Services at Nebraska Probation Administration, provided the Committee with an update on the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). She stated that the sites have narrowed down to focus on the target population of warrants in Douglas County. She noted that she and Judge Gendler presented on JDAI at the Through the Eyes of the Child conferences.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2014, from nine o'clock a.m. to one o'clock p.m., location TBA.

### **Adjourn**

Ellen Brokofsky adjourned the meeting at 3:19.