

Nebraska Children's Commission

First Annual Retreat
January 21, 2015
9:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Wilderness Ridge, Yellowstone Room
1800 Wilderness Woods Place, Lincoln, NE

Call to Order

Karen Authier called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Commission Members present: Teresa Anderson, Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Holly Brandt, Jennifer Clark, Candy Kennedy Goergen (10:06 a.m.), Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Deb O'Brien, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Susan Staab.

Commission Members absent: Pam Allen and Diana Tedrow.

Ex Officio Members present: Ellen Brokofsky, Judge Linda Porter, and Julie Rogers (9:43 a.m.).

Ex Officio Members absent: Joe Acierno, Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Tony Green, Senator Jeremy Nordquist, and Vicky Weisz.

Other Stakeholders: Lynn Castriano, Dr. Claudette Grinnell-Davis, Sarah Forrest, Jennifer Haight, Peg Harriott, and Jennifer Skala.

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Gene Klein to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Clark. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Holly Brandt, Jennifer Clark, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, Norman Langemach, Andrea Miller, David Newell, Deb O'Brien, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Susan Staab. Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Pam Allen, Teresa Anderson, Candy Kennedy Goergen, and Diana Tedrow were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Approval of November 18, 2014, Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting as written. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Jennifer Clark. Voting yes: Karen Authier, Beth Baxter, Holly Brandt, Jennifer Clark, Kim Hawekotte, Gene Klein, David Newell, Deb O'Brien, Mary Jo Pankoke, Dale Shotkoski, and Susan Staab. Voting no:

none. Norman Langemach and Andrea Miller abstained. Pam Allen, Teresa Anderson, Candy Kennedy Goergen, and Diana Tedrow were absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Retreat Welcome

Karen Authier provided a brief welcome to the first annual retreat. Karen provided a brief overview of the day and introduced Jennifer Haight from the Center for State Child Welfare Data, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

Use of Child Welfare Data to Achieve Shared Understanding of Outcomes

Jennifer Haight led a presentation on the child welfare data and outcomes. The stated purpose of the presentation was to describe how core outcomes in a child welfare system can be displayed longitudinally, review selected profile reports and connect them to core outcomes, and review other core system questions and the data available to answer these questions. Jennifer walked the Commission through a number of longitudinal data measures to demonstrate the use of the data in systems work.

Communication and Leadership

Senator Colby Coash presented on **Communication and Leadership** as a team building exercise. During the presentation Commission's identified their own preferred communication style and learned the preferred communication style of each of the other retreat participants. The training was also designed to help each of the Commission leaders think about communication with team members within their respective organizations.

Developing Data System Measures

Jennifer Haight of Chapin Hall again presented to the Commission on the process of developing data measures to determine the outcomes of a system. The presentation was designed to allow the Commission to begin the process of creating a framework for the development and identification of key child welfare measures and indicators.

2015 Planning and Priorities

The Commission members reviewed a listing of potential action areas upon which to focus. These items included the legal parties task force update, private nonprofit organizations as lead agencies, the child welfare financial primer, child welfare/juvenile justice sentinel events, court decisions, noteworthy events, and 2014 tasks, assignments and responsibilities. The Commission agreed that next potential steps including assigning

New Business

No new business.

Closing Remarks

Karen thanked everyone for their participation and reminded Commissioners that the Nebraska Children's Commission meeting would be held the next day, Thursday, January 22, 2015, from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Airport Country Inn and Suites.

Adjournment and Evening Reception (Team Building/Open Discussion Time)

A motion was made by Mary Jo Pankoke to adjourn the formal meeting, seconded by Susan Staab. The formal meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.