

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

Twenty - Sixth Meeting
February 10, 2015
9:00am – 3:00pm
Airport Country Inn and Suites, Platte Room
1301 West Bond Circle, Lincoln, NE 68521

Call to Order

Co-Chair Nicole Brundo called the meeting to order at 9:07 am and announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the room as per state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson, Juliet Summers, Dr. Richard Weiner, and Dr. Ken Zoucha.

Acting as resources to the committee: Mark Mason, Monica Miles-Steffens, and Jerall Moreland.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green, Nick Juliano, and Cassy Rockwell.

Resource members absent: Jim Bennett, Senator Kathy Campbell, Senator Colby Coash, Catherine Gekas-Steeby, Liz Hruska, Doug Koebernick, Jerall Moreland, Judge Linda Porter, Hank Robinson, Julie Rogers, and Dan Scarborough.

Also attending: Bethany Connor, Chris Harris, Sara Hoyle, Derek Jones, Mark LeFlore, Adam Proctor, Michelle Schindler, and Leesa Sorensen.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Tom McBride to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Ron Johns. Voting yes: Nicole Brundo, Kim Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Tom McBride, Jana Peterson, Juliet Summers, Dr. Richard Wiener and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Jeanne Brander, Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green, Nick Juliano, and Cassy Rockwell were absent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kim Hawekotte to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015, Juvenile Services Committee meeting as written, seconded by Ron Johns. Voting yes: Nicole Brundo, Kimm Culp, Cindy Kennedy, Kim Hawekotte, Dr. Anne Hobbs, Ron Johns, Tom McBride, Jana

Peterson, Juliet Summers, Dr. Richard Wiener, and Dr. Ken Zoucha. Voting no: none. None abstained. Jeanne Brander, Barb Fitzgerald, Judge Larry Gendler, Tony Green, Nick Juliano, and Cassy Rockwell were absent.

Co-Chair's report

Co-Chair Nicole Brundo noted that the agenda was full and would share her updates with the Committee when the relevant agenda item was called.

Committee membership update and discussion

Nicole Brundo noted that the Committee would table the discussion of a Co-Chair until a member of the Nebraska Children's Commission was nominated.

Race Matters presentation and discussion

Dr. Anne Hobbs and Monica Miles Steffens led a presentation on disproportionate minority contact in Nebraska's juvenile justice system. They presented data showing an overall pattern of disproportionate minority contact at all phases of the system. They outlined Nebraska's progress, noting that Nebraska has moved out of the identification phase and into the assessment phase. The next phase will be intervention, and the Committee discussed possible strategies to move into the intervention phase. The group also discussed implicit bias training available for law enforcement.

DMC presentation and discussion

Mark LeFlore led a presentation on disproportionate minority contact in Douglas County, Nebraska. He noted that any youth could get placed in the Youth Center once, but there are differences that lead youths to recidivate. He noted that 68% of youth who do not receive visitors at the Youth Center within their first 30 days ultimately recidivate. The Youth Center has made efforts to engage families, and visitations have increased over 40% in 2014.

DMC presentation and discussion

Derek Jones led a presentation on Disproportionate Minority contact as the DMC Coordinator for the State of Nebraska. He explained the importance of JDAI principles, including the need to physically examine areas that juveniles are being held to ensure that they are away from the adult population. He noted that the state is still in the evaluation phase and there is a lot of data available. Though the data is showing improvement, intervention and programs are still needed, especially in rural areas. The Committee discussed the need for programs, and the need to create sustainable infrastructures for the programs to continue. Derek encouraged participation in the statewide DMC committee and noted the need for a new chair.

Crossover Initiative

There were no new updates for the Crossover Initiative.

DHHS/Probation joint committee overview

There were no new updates for the DHHS/Probation joint committee overview

FSG Project in Douglas County

Kim Culp updated the group that the FSG project is currently interviewing for the position of Executive Director.

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative

Kim Culp and Monica Miles Steffens noted that this agenda item had already been covered by previous presentations.

DMC presentation and discussion

Sara Hoyle and Michelle Schindler led a presentation on DMC in Lancaster County. Sara began by showing a video about implicit bias. She noted that police must respond to the calls they receive, and implicit bias can cause the general population to be more likely to call the police to respond to a minority person. She discussed implicit bias trainings available for law enforcement.

Community DMC Program presentation and discussion

Denise Kracl was unable to attend the meeting.

Potential recommendations discussion and action item

Nicole Brundo led a discussion of potential recommendations from the meeting. The Committee reached the consensus that it was necessary to have a statewide working group of people working on the problem of DMC. The Committee decided that they would individually identify people that may want to serve on the statewide DMC committee, and send recommendations to Derek Jones to assist in populating the committee. The Committee also reached consensus that further work and exploration should be done to determine how to move the state out of the assessment phase and into the intervention and evaluation phases of addressing DMC.

New Business

The Committee discussed presentations for the next meeting. Dr. Nash and Dr. Van Winkle were identified as individuals to invite to discuss services available in the YRTC's, and Sheri Dawson, Michelle Noah, and Beth Baxter were identified to be invited to discuss the Behavioral Health Regions.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2015, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Cindy Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Jana Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

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