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## NEBRASKA COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

### Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. CDT

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice met Monday, March 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. CDT at the Northbridge Community Center Conference Room, located at 1533 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln NE 68104. Notice of this meeting was published February 27, 2017 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Crime Commission website.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. CDT by Cassandra Rockwell, Chairperson.

### **II. Open Meetings Law Advisement**

Rockwell informed the Coalition that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, as amended by LB 898 are located on the table in the back of the room for public review if desired.

### **III. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Darrell Fisher, Dan Scarborough, Judge Vernon Daniels, John-Robert Bloom (left at 11 a.m.), Denise Kracl, Elaine Menzel, Cassandra Blakely, Chris Rodgers, Kim Hawekotte, Tiffany Gressley, Brian Halstead (arrived at 10:00 a.m.), Jeanne Brandner (left at 11:30 a.m.), Jim Blue, Kevin Spencer

**Members Excused:** Judge Randin Roland, Amanda Speichert, Brett Matthies, Heather Duhachek, Kathy Seacrest, Michelle Schindler

**Members Absent:** Mark Benne, Mark LaBouchardiere, Nicola Variano, Neleigh Boyer, Tiffany Gressley, Corben Waldron, Kevin Spencer

**Staff Present:** Vanessa Humaran, Lisa Stamm, Kristy Nguyen, Laurie Holman, Cynthia Kennedy

**Public Members:** Dekow Sugar, Dr. Richard L. Wiener

**IV. Introductions**

Blakely initiated introductions among members, staff and the public. Blakely stated her appreciation regarding everyone appearances. Blakely informed the Coalition on the future meeting dates: June 13, 2017, September 29, 2017 and December 04, 2017.

**V. Grantee Presentation – African Aid Initiative**

Dekow Sugar provided handouts and a presentation on the African Aid Initiative. Sugar presented information regarding the background of the program, the mentee contract, the mentor contract, the parent/guardian contract, the mentoring relationship, the life inventory, the activity suggestions and the personality assessment. Discussion ensued among the Coalition and the presenter.

**VI. DMC Evaluation Presentation**

Blakely stated that if anyone have any suggestion on the upcoming site visits and/or grantee presentations to let Humaran know. Blakely introduced Dr. Richard Wiener to the Coalition. Dr. Wiener introduced himself and provided a presentation and updates on the DMC Evaluation including the levels of intervention, evidence based practices in Juvenile Services and the three evidence based practices modes. Dr. Wiener provided an update on the program screening assessment including Banister’s Leadership Academy and Night Life program and the Fire-Setters Prevention Program. Discussion ensued among the Coalition and the presenter.

**VII. Approval of December 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Spencer and seconded by Bloom to approve the December 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.*

**VIII. Approval of up to \$1,500 to send NCJJ members to attend the NJJA Conference in May.**

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Bloom to approve of up to \$1,500 to send NCJJ members to attend the NJJA Conference in May. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Scarborough, Judge Daniels (abstained), Bloom, Kracl, Menzel, Blakely (abstained), Rodgers, Hawekotte, Gressley, Halstead, Brandner, blue, Spencer. Motion carried.*

**IX. Approval of up to \$5,000 for Annual Dues**

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Kracl to approve of up to \$5,000 for Annual Dues. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Scarborough, Judge Daniels (abstained), Bloom, Kracl, Menzel, Blakely (abstained), Rodgers, Hawekotte, Gressley, Halstead, Brandner, blue, Spencer. Motion carried.*

**X. Approval of up to \$100.00 in appreciation gifts**

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Fisher to approve of up to \$100.00 in appreciation gifts. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Scarborough, Judge Daniels (abstained), Bloom, Kracl, Menzel, Blakely, Rodgers, Hawekotte, Gressley, Halstead, Brandner, blue, Spencer. Motion carried.*

**XI. Approval of up to \$1,500 for the spirit of youth award**

*Motion*

*A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Halstead to approve of up to \$1,500 for the spirit of youth award. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Scarborough, Judge Daniels (abstained), Bloom, Kracl, Menzel, Blakely, Rodgers, Hawekotte, Gressley, Halstead, Brandner, blue, Spencer. Motion carried.*

**XII. Legislative Update**

Hawekotte provided an update on the NCJJ 2017 Bill Chart (Attachment 1). Discussion ensued among the Coalition.

**XIII. Probation/JDAI Update**

Brandner provided an update on Probation and JDAI and the upcoming trainings. There was a brief discussion among the Coalition.

**XIV. JJ Specialist & Compliance Monitor Report**

Humaran provided an update on JJ Specialist. Humaran provided an update on the staff review and the grant review. Humaran stated that she also has been working on duties outside Juvenile Justice Specialist duties. Humaran provided an update on DMC. Humaran informed the Coalition that she had scheduled a meeting with Dr. Weiner in the upcoming week to discuss in details regarding the programs being evaluated for DMC and the next steps for the programs. Humaran stated that during this meeting they will also discuss the contract for the DMC evaluation: The assessment that was conducted in 2012 where those recommendations will be re-evaluated.

Stamm provided an update on Compliance Monitor Report. Stamm informed the Coalition that Stephenson has been busy working on compliance. Discussion ensued among the Coalition.

## **XV. Subcommittee Reports**

### **a. Executive**

Blakely provided an update on the Executive Subcommittee. Blakely gave an explanation and an update on the upcoming joint meeting. Hawekotte stated that if anyone have any suggestions regarding the joint meeting to let Blakely and/or herself know.

### **b. DMC**

Rodgers gave an update on the DMC Subcommittee. Rodgers informed the Coalition on his resignation as the DMC chair. Humaran stated that if anyone interested as being the chair for the DMC to please reach out to her. Stamm stated that she believed there was a miscommunication/misinterpretation of what was said at the previous meeting. Stamm explained that outside of the money, at the end of the day, the Crime Commission's name is the one that will be on the Strategic Planning Assessment.

Stamm stated that at the end of the day, they did what they feel best for the State of Nebraska. Stamm indicated that the agency has received many complaints from Sub grantees regarding how much money is going toward assessments out in the community. Stamm indicated that Nebraska is conducting ground breaking work surrounding DMC.

Director Fisher stated that the agency just do not have enough money. Director Fisher stated that the idea of doing a Statewide DMC Assessment with the funds that the Agency has cannot be done. Director Fisher indicated the Agency needs to do its best for the grants with the minimal amounts of funds received from the Department of Justice to fund the evaluation. Director Fisher stated that at the end of the day it was administrative funds that will be used.

Discussion ensued among Rodgers and the Coalition.

### **c. Grant Review**

Hawekotte and Kennedy provided an update on the Grant Review Subcommittee. Blakely stated her appreciation for the effort put forth by Grant Review Team. There was a discussion regarding the change of allocations for Community-Based funding.

### **d. Youth**

Blakely provided an update on the Youth Committee. Blakely announced that the Spirit of Youth nomination forms are available. There was a brief discussion among the Coalition.

### **e. Community Planning Advisory**

Menzel provided a brief update on the Community Planning Advisory Subcommittee.

### **f. Diversion**

Kracl provided a brief update on the Diversion Subcommittee.

**XVI. Old Business**

No old business at this time.

**XVII. New Business**

Judge Daniels provided an update on OJJDP administration changes. Judge provided an update on the three primary Committees: Legislative, Expungement and Research. There was a brief discussion among the Coalition.

**XVIII. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**XIX. Meeting Dates**

a. June, 2017 TBA

**XX. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11: 50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristy Nguyen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Huong (Kristy) Nguyen  
Support Assistant, Grant Division



# **ATTACHMENT**

**1**

NCJJ 2017 BILL CHART

Bill Number	Introducer	Title	Committee	Hearing Date	General File	Select File	Final Reading	Governor Signed
LB 6	Krist	Provide for release of a summarized report by the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Exec Board AM 38	1/20/17				
LB 8	Krist	Provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives relating to juvenile probation	Judiciary	1/18/17	2/23/17 ER 9	3/13/17		
LB 10	Krist	Increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed	Judiciary AM 27	1/18/17	2/23/17	AM 485		
LB 11	Krist	Change provisions relating to transfer of juvenile cases	Judiciary	1/18/17	2/23/17 AM 302	AM 552		
LB 50	Schumacher	Provide reporting duties relating to behavioral health entities	HHS	2/8/17				
LB 108	Crawford	Require guidelines to ensure safety of minor or dependent whose parent or guardian is arrested	Judiciary	2/8/17				
LB 128	Groene	Change eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	HHS	3/22/17				
LB 158	Pansing-Brooks	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles (Pansing-Brooks Priority Bill)	Judiciary AM 145	2/23/17				
LB 179	Bolz	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence	HHS	2/23/17				
LB 180	Bolz	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court (Speaker Priority Bill)	Judiciary	1/26/17				



LB 207	Krist	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare (Exec Board Priority Bill)	Exec Board AM 23	1/20/17	AM 507			
LB 225	Crawford	Change provisions relating to alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services (Crawford Priority Bill)	HHS	2/1/17				
LB 226	Wishart	Provide for purchase of motor vehicles and insurance by certain juveniles, change foster care transition proposal provisions, and provide immunity from liability for caregivers	Judiciary	3/9/17				
LB 248	Harr	Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act (Harr Priority Bill)	Labor AM 301	1/23/17				
LB 282	Riepe	Change telehealth provisions relating to children's behavioral health	HHS	3/8/17				
LB 297	McCollister	Create the Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project	HHS	3/23/17				
LB 298	Baker	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force	HHS	2/23/17				
LB 300	Krist	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual assault of a child (Speaker Priority Bill)	Judiciary	2/24/17				
LB 367	Krist	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters	Judiciary	2/24/17				

LB 411	Bolz	Change Nebraska Juvenile Code provisions relating to placement of siblings	Judiciary	2/24/17				
LB 434	Ebke	Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings	Judiciary	3/9/17				
LB 511	Education	Change provisions for payment of educational costs for state wards and students in residential settings	Education	2/28/17				
LB 516	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities	Judiciary	3/9/17				
LB 556	Halloran	Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender	Judiciary	3/8/17				
LB 580	McDonnell	Appropriate funds for the Office of Violence Prevention	Approp	3/1/17				
LB 589	Crawford	Provide for depositions of a child victim or child witness	Judiciary AM 438	3/2/17				
LB 595	Groene	Provide for the use of physical force or physical restraint or removal from a class in response to student behavior ( <b>Groene Priority Bill</b> )	Judiciary	2/7/17				
LB 658	Wayne	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings	Judiciary	3/9/17				