

**Nebraska Children’s Commission
Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee**

November 5, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Southeast Community College, Rooms U-104 & 106
8800 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68520

1. Call to Order

The Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (FCRRC) Co-Chairs, Peg Harriott and Bill Williams, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members present (9):

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| Robin Chadwell | Felicia Nelsen | Bill Williams |
| Peg Harriott | Cindy Rudolph | |
| Bobby Loud (1:11) | Joan Schwan | |
| Jackie Meyer | Lana Temple-Plotz | |

Committee Members absent (6):

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| Jodie Austin | Susan Henrie | Jessica Kroeker |
| Phillip Burrell | Dr. Anne Hobbs | Juliet Summers* |

Ex Officio Members present (6):

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| Olivia Biggs | Rochelle Dotson | Kari Rumbaugh |
| Jerrilyn Crankshaw | Jennifer Potterf | Kathleen Stolz (1:25) |

Ex Officio Members absent (1):

Mike Puls

A quorum was established.

*Let it be noted for the record that Juliet Summers was appointed by Julia Tse as her temporary proxy

Guests in Attendance (6):

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| Manuel Escamilla..... | DHHS, Division of Children & Family Services |
| Amanda Felton..... | Nebraska Children’s Commission |
| Chris Jones..... | Nebraska Children’s Commission |
| Kelli Schadwinkel..... | Nebraska Probation Administration, Juvenile Division |
| Nanette Simmons..... | DHHS, Division of Children & Family Services |
| Lisa Story..... | Foster Parent/Nebraska Children’s Commission |

a. Notice of Publication

Recorder for the meeting, Amanda Felton, indicated that the notice of publication for this meeting was posted on the Nebraska Public Meetings Calendar and Nebraska Children’s Commission website in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The publication would be kept as a permanent attachment with the meeting minutes.

b. Announcement of the placement of Open Meetings Act information

A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection and was located at the sign-in table at the entrance of the meeting room.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Lana Temple-Plotz to approve the [agenda](#) as presented. The motion was seconded by Felicia Nelsen. No further discussion ensued. Roll Call vote as follows:

FOR (8):

Robin Chadwell
Peg Harriott
Jackie Meyer

Felicia Nelsen
Cindy Rudolph
Joan Schwan

Lana Temple-Plotz
Bill Williams

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (7):

Jodie Austin
Phillip Burrell
Susan Henrie

Dr. Anne Hobbs
Jessica Kroeker
Bobby Loud

Juliet Summers

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Jackie Meyer moved to approve the [August 24, 2018 FCRRRC meeting minutes](#). Lana Temple-Plotz seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call vote as follows:

FOR (8):

Robin Chadwell
Peg Harriott
Jackie Meyer

Felicia Nelsen
Cindy Rudolph
Joan Schwan

Lana Temple-Plotz
Bill Williams

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (7):

Jodie Austin
Phillip Burrell
Susan Henrie

Dr. Anne Hobbs
Jessica Kroeker
Bobby Loud

Juliet Summers

MOTION CARRIED

5. Co-Chair Report

Co-Chair Harriott noted the upcoming report due in 2020 that would be addressed later in the agenda.

6. Public Comment

The Co-Chairs invited any members of the public forward for comment. No public comment was given.

7. Department of Health and Human Services Update

a. [Adoption Pilot Subsidy Presentation](#)

The Co-Chairs invited Nanette Simmons and Olivia Biggs with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), to present information on the recent Adoption Subsidy Pilot occurring in the Southeast Service Area. Biggs highlighted the inconsistencies in the adoption subsidy negotiation process that prompted the creation of the pilot to identify a uniform method for subsidy determination.

The two presenters discussed several variables that were taken into consideration with the pilot implementation. These included eligibility criteria, creation of a uniform tool to use in determination, and identification of a system to determine rate structure. Biggs highlighted that there had been many changes based on feedback since the initial roll-out of the pilot, including the utilization of the FCRR rate methodology in determining rate reimbursement.

After lengthy discussion, the topic of the [draft Nebraska Adoptive Parent Responsibility \(NAPR\) tool](#) was brought up. It became clear that further work would need to occur to better align the tool with the current pilot process. A small group of volunteers agreed to meet with DHHS staff to look at ways to update the NAPR tool for use in the pilot. Members of this focus group would be Lana Temple-Plotz, Felicia Nelsen, Olivia Biggs, and Nanette Simmons. **It was then motioned by Lana Temple-Plotz to pull the current draft of the Adoptive Parent Responsibility tool from proceeding to the January Nebraska Children’s Commission meeting to allow for further review and changes. Felicia Nelsen seconded the motion.** There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

FOR (8):

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| Peg Harriott | Felicia Nelsen | Lana Temple-Plotz |
| Bobby Loud | Cindy Rudolph | Bill Williams |
| Jackie Meyer | Joan Schwan | |

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (7):

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| Jodie Austin | Susan Henrie | Juliet Summers |
| Phillip Burrell | Dr. Anne Hobbs | |
| Robin Chadwell | Jessica Kroeker | |

MOTION CARRIED

8. Treatment Family Care Workgroup Update

Lana Temple-Plotz provided an update on the work of the Treatment Family Care (TFC) Workgroup. A [summary report](#) of the work was provided as well as [recommendations to DHHS](#) regarding their Therapeutic Foster Care service definition. Members inquired about the collaborative work that happened with the various departments of DHHS. Temple-Plotz and Commission Administrative Assistant, Amanda Felton, explained that the recommendations resulted from a collaborative meeting and represented the consensus that had been reached. Members noted several sections of language to be revisited to better align with the values and goals outlined in the summary document. **It was moved by Bobby Loud to approve the draft documents with work to be done on non-substantial language updates. The motion was seconded by Joan Schwan.** Discussion included identification of focus group members to revisit language updates. Members included Jodie Austin, Bethany Allen, Robin Chadwell, Lana Temple-Plotz, and Margaret Vacek. Roll call vote as follows:

FOR (9):

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|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Robin Chadwell | Felicia Nelsen | Bill Williams |
| Peg Harriott | Cindy Rudolph | |
| Bobby Loud | Joan Schwan | |
| Jackie Meyer | Lana Temple-Plotz | |

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (6):

Jodie Austin
Phillip Burrell

Susan Henrie
Dr. Anne Hobbs

Jessica Kroeker
Juliet Summers

MOTION CARRIED**9. Planning for 2020 FCRRRC Report**

The Co-Chairs discussed the upcoming report due July 1, 2020. The FCRRRC would need to align its meeting schedule so that a first draft of the report could be provided to the Nebraska Children's Commission for review at their January 2020 meeting, with the final version being voted on that April. The report would need to include rate reimbursement recommendations on the base rates, Nebraska Caregiver Responsibility (NCR) and NAPR tool rates, agency rates, and TFC rates. Other items to examine included reissue of a foster parent survey and any revisions to the content of the NCR and NAPR tools.

10. Review of Assignments/Action Plan

The Committee Co-Chairs reviewed the decisions and items to address when moving forward. Below is a list of the final assignments/action plans.

- Conduct meeting of the NAPR tool focus group to align the new tool with the adoption subsidy pilot with recommendations to be reviewed at the next FCRRRC meeting.
- Conduct a meeting of the TFC focus group to refine and streamline non-substantial language changes for recommendations to be forwarded to the Nebraska Children's Commission at their January meeting.
- Discuss at the next meeting the necessary workgroups to reactivate in preparation for the 2020 FCRRRC report.
- Send out invitations for meetings every other month in 2019.
 - The January meeting would be host to a recap of the group's history in preparation for deeper research as the year progressed.

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Upcoming Meeting Planning

The Committee Co-Chairs would partner with staff to outline a plan of action and timeline for meetings for the next year. Meetings would most likely fall on either the first or second Monday of every other month, and invitations would be sent out shortly.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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