

# Co-Chair Nomination Report

Report to the Nebraska Children's Commission  
January 17, 2018

The following individual has been nominated for the Co-Chair positions for second tier subgroups of the Nebraska Children's Commission. These individuals would serve as Co-Chairs for a term of one year at which point they may re-apply.

- **Bridget to Independence Advisory Committee:**
  - **Jeanne Brandner (Commission Member)** – Deputy Administrator of the Division of Juvenile Services, Administrative Office of Probation
  - **Mary Jo Pankoke** – President, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
- **Community Ownership of Well Being Workgroup:**
  - **Teresa Anderson (Commission Member)** – Health Director, Central District Health Department
  - **Jennifer Skala** – Vice President of Community Impact, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
- **Legal Parties Taskforce:**
  - **Kim Hawekotte (Commission Member)** – Executive Director, Foster Care Review Office
- **Psychotropic Medication Committee:**
  - **Kayla Pope** – Child Psychiatrist, Director of Residency Training / Division Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Creighton University
  - **Paula Wells (Commission Member)** – Foster and Adoptive Parent
- **Strengthening Families Act Committee:**
  - **Vernon Davis (Commission Member)** – Young Adult Previously in Foster Care
  - **Sarah Helvey** - Child Welfare Program Director / Staff Attorney, Nebraska Appleseed
- **Workforce Workgroup:**
  - **Deb VanDyke-Ries (Commission Member)** – Director, Nebraska Court Improvement Project

The Executive Committee supports these nominations and recommends appointment.