

**Joint Meeting of the Juvenile Services Committee (JSC) and the  
Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)**

**April 10, 2018**

Juvenile Services Committee (JSC) and Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) met Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Southeast Community College, Rooms V-104 & V-105, 8800 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68520.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Joint Chairs: Cassy Blakely, Nicole Brundo and Kim Hawekotte.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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**Juvenile Services Committee**

***Committee Members Present (10)***

Jim Bennett	Kim Hawekotte	Vicky Thompson Smith
Michele Borg	Cynthia Kennedy	Deb VanDyke-Ries
Nicole Brundo (9:20)	Mark LaBouchardiere	
Tamara Gavin	Kari Rumbaugh (9:10)	

***Committee Members Absent (5)***

Judge Larry Gendler	Tom McBride	Dr. Richard Wiener
Nick Juliano	Dan Scarborough	

***Committee Resource Members Present (3)***

Nicole Berggren	Lisa Neeman	Julie Smith (11:50)
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***Committee Resource Members Absent (2)***

Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks	Rico Zavala
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**A quorum was established for the Juvenile Services Committee**

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

***Coalition Members Present (11)***

Roma Amundson	Tiffany Gressley	Brett Matthies
Cassy Blakely	Kim Hawekotte	Elaine Menzel
Neleigh Boyer	Denise Kracl	Justin Myers (9:15)
Darrell Fisher	Mark LaBouchardiere	

***Coalition Members Absent (8)***

Mark Benne	Dan Scarborough	Kevin Spencer
Jim Blue	Michelle Schindler	Corben Waldron
Brain Halstead	Amanda Speichert	

***Coalition Ex-Officio Members Present (1)***

Jeanne Brandner

***Coalition Ex-Officio Members Absent (2)***

Judge Vernon Daniel	Judge Randin Roland
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**A quorum was established for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.**

***Guests in Attendance (7):***

A'Jamal Byndon.....	Douglas County DMC Committee
Chris Harris.....	Nebraska Crime Commission
Amy Hoffman.....	Nebraska Crime Commission
Mark LeFlore.....	Douglas County DMC Committee
Monica Miles-Steffens.....	Administrative Office of Probation, Juvenile Services Division
LaVon Stennis Williams.....	Douglas County DMC Committee
Mike Fargen.....	Nebraska Crime Commission

a. *Notice of Publication*

JSC Co-Chair Hawekotte, indicated that the notice of publication for this meeting was posted on the Nebraska Children's Commission and Nebraska Public Meetings Calendar websites in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

b. *Announcement of the placement of Open Meeting Act information*

A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection and was located on the sign-in table near the front of the meeting room

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**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Deb VanDyke-Ries of the JSC and Elaine Menzel of the NCJJ to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Michele Borg of the JSC and Neleigh Boyer of the NCJJ. Motion carried by acclamation.**

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**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Elaine Menzel for NCJJ and Michele Borg for JSC and seconded by Denise Kracl of NCJJ and Deb Van Dyke-Reis of JSC to approve the minutes of the JSC and NCJJ February 22, 2018 joint meeting. Motion carried by acclamation.**

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**5. CO-CHAIR REPORT**

Hawekotte reported that there was to be a webinar on April 30, 2018 that was already full. She noted that an additional webinar would be offered at a later date.

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**6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

a. *Bills Passed/ Not Passed*

Kennedy gave an update on LB670. There was a discussion on LB990 regarding prohibition of firearm possession until 25 for juvenile offenders.

b. *Right to Counsel*

There was a discussion the appointment of legal counsel for juveniles. It was noted that Senator Pansing Brooks may bring additional information to the July meeting. Douglas County representatives reported that the measure saved money allowed the legal process to progress at a faster rate.

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**7. JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT**

Chris Harris, Office of Violence Prevention Director and Administrator of the Juvenile Services Grants, informed members that he needed 2 member for his grant review committee. There was \$586,000 in grant monies that was to go to agencies and he currently had 17 grant applications. Darrell Fisher asked for volunteers. Jeanne Brandner, Elaine Menzel, Denise Kracl and Brett Matthies all volunteered.

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**8. DMC DISCUSSION**

a. *State*

Monica Miles-Steffens handed out a draft of LR418 as well as a draft copy of the Nebraska Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Strategic Planning Session from February. A short discussion of materials followed.

b. *Douglas County*

Guests from Douglas County including LaVon Stennis Williams, Mark LeFlore, and A'Jamal Byndon presented on issues relating to DMC within their county.

c. *Data Issues*

Mike Fargen, Chief of Information Services Division with the Nebraska Crime Commission, stated that they were working on providing links to OJDDP training. There was a discussion on including tribal input.

**Members of the JSC and NCJJ recessed for a short break from 10:45 AM to 11:02 AM**

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**9. PROBATION UPDATE**

Brandner shared several handouts with the groups. There was a discussion on repeat offenders and Brandner referred members pages 5 & 7 within the report on Recidivism Rates for Nebraska Juvenile Probationers. Kari Rumbaugh gave a brief summary of the 2016-2017 Juvenile Services Detailed Analysis.

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**10. OFFICE OF JUVENILE SERVICES UPDATE**

Mark LaBouchadiere gave a brief update on Administration changes.

**11. JSC WORKGROUP UPDATES**

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- a. *High Utilizers of Services Workgroup*  
There was no report
- b. *Transition Services Workgroup*  
Hawekotte passed out handouts from their meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There was no discussion
- c. *Youth and Family Engagement Workgroup*  
Thompson-Smith stated they had their first meeting and there were no recommendations at that time. The group was still working to form goals

**12. NCJH SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

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There were no updates

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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No members of the public commented

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

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There was no new business

**15. NEXT MEETING**

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Members were asked to contact the Chairs with any potential items for discussion at the next meeting.

**16. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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Chairs reminded members of the meeting date for the rest of the year which included:

- a. July 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- b. October 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**17. ADJOURN**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Bauers and Amanda Felton