

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
Juvenile Services Committee and the
Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

May 30, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nebraska Judicial Branch Education Building,
5001 Central Park Drive, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68504

Satellite WebEx Locations:

Omaha State Office Building, Room 218, 1313 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68102
ESU #13, 1114 Toledo Street, Sidney, NE 69162

1. Call to Order

Kim Hawekotte and Nicole Brundo, Co-Chairs of the Juvenile Services Committee, and Cassy Blakely, Chairperson of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice, called the meeting to order at

2. Roll Call

Juvenile Services Committee

Committee Members Present (10)

Michele Borg	Kim Hawekotte	Margene Timm
Nicole Brundo	Nick Juliano	Deb VanDyke-Ries
A'Jamal Byndon	Tom McBride	
Tamara Gavin	Vicky Thompson Smith	

Committee Members Absent (7)

Judge Larry Gendler	Kari Rumbaugh	Dr. Richard Wiener
Cynthia Kennedy	Pat Sailors	
Mark LaBouchardiere	Dan Scarborough	

Committee Resource Members Present (2)

Nicole Berggren	Julie Smith
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Committee Resource Members Absent (2)

Lisa Neeman	Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks
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A quorum was established for the Juvenile Services Committee

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Coalition Members Present (10)

Don Arp	Kim Hawekotte	Vicky Thompson Smith*
Cassy Blakely	Denise Kracl	Lorilei Stark
Greg Gonzalez	Elaine Menzel	
Brian Halstead	Michelle Schindler	

Coalition Members Absent (6)

Roma Amundson	Patrick Connell	Justin Myers
Neleigh Boyer	Brett Matthies	Amanda Speichert

Coalition Ex-Officio Members Present (1)

Judge Randin Roland

Coalition Ex-Officio Members Absent (2)

Judge Vernon Daniels	Kari Rumbaugh
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A quorum was established for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

*Let it be noted for the record that Jim Blue appointed Vicky Thompson Smith as his temporary proxy for the meeting.

Guests in Attendance (11):

Amanda FeltonNebraska Children’s Commission
Chris Jones.....Nebraska Children’s Commission
Rico Zavala.....CEDARS Youth Services

a. Notice of Publication

Recorder for the meeting, Amanda Felton, 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 back of the meeting room

3. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Tamara Gavin from the JSC and Denise Kracl from the NCJJ to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tom McBride from the JSC and Michelle Schindler from the NCJJ. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (10):

Michele Borg	Kim Hawekotte	Margene Timm
Nicole Brundo	Nick Juliano	Deb VanDyke-Ries
A’Jamal Byndon	Tom McBride	
Tamara Gavin	Vicky Thompson Smith	

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (7):

Judge Larry Gendler	Kari Rumbaugh	Dr. Richard Wiener
Cynthia Kennedy	Pat Sailors	
Mark LaBouchardiere	Dan Scarborough	

MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

FOR (9):

Don Arp	Kim Hawekotte	Michelle Schindler
Cassy Blakely	Denise Kracl	Vicky Thompson Smith
Brian Halstead	Elaine Menzel	Lorilei Stark

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (1):

Greg Gonzalez

ABSENT (6):

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Neleigh Boyer	Brett Matthies	Amanda Speichert

MOTION CARRIED for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

4. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Deb VanDyke-Ries from the JSC and Elaine Menzel from the NCJJ to approve the January 29, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Margene Timm of the JSC and Denise Kracl of the NCJJ. No further discussion ensued. Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (10):

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Tamara Gavin	Vicky Thompson Smith	

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5. Co-Chair's Report

a. Legislative Update

Co-chair Hawekotte shared with the groups that the legislation to continue the Nebraska Children's Commission had passed. In the coming year, it would be beneficial for the JSC to examine the priorities and membership of the group. She also brought attention to [LR156](#) on examination of strategies to prevent suicide by youth involved in the Nebraska juvenile justice system. She noted that it would be beneficial to identify [interim studies](#) for the group to prioritize and connect with senators on.

6. Update from Conference

Chair Blakely reviewed the discussion from October when the members had identified suicide prevention for juvenile justice youth as an issue needing attention. That meeting discussion led to the Juvenile Justice Suicide Prevention Conference that occurred on May 20, 2019. Blakely provided an overview of the day that began with educational presentations, transitioned to a panel discussion of current efforts, and ended with breakout sessions to problem-solve on issues happening in the communities.

Members agreed that having the opportunity to pull together varied community members – both urban and rural – was hugely beneficial to help provide perspective on the different gaps that each experience. The event also brought light to

a significant lack of communication and knowledge of the services that already exist. It is often the high level administrators who are aware of the available resources, but communicating that information to frontline staff can be a challenge. Members went on to discuss the need to involve local law enforcement more in the work happening. It was noted that the Nebraska Association of School Social Workers had expressed interest in the issue and were willing to attend future meetings and partner for solutions.

The members agreed that a thorough examination of the conference recommendations should be put on the agenda for the next meeting. At that point the group could examine what resources were available to address them as well as what should be prioritized for further work.

7. Approval of Annual Report

Members were directed to the [joint annual report of the JSC and NCJJ](#). Members agreed to remove item “a” under Emerging Characteristics on page 3. Item “c” in the same section was moved to the beginning of the characteristics listing. They also agreed that it was too early in the process to include the bullet point information or recommendations from the conference. The group felt it more appropriate to list the key themes that rose to the surface and make note that formal recommendations would come after a more thorough examination of the data.

After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Nick Juliano from the JSC and Elaine Menzel from the NCJJ to approve the joint 2019 report with alterations to page 3 as previously discussed, removal of the recommendations on page 8, simplify pages 9-10 by only listing the general themes, and to allow for any non-substantial grammatical corrections. The motion was seconded by A’Jamal Byndon from the JSC and Don Arp from the NCJJ. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

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8. Public Comment

The Co-Chairs opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was provided.

9. New Business

There was no new business

10. Upcoming Meeting Planning

Members agreed to cancel the July meeting with a availability survey to go out to members to identify a time in the last two weeks of August for the next meeting.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Felton

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