

Member Nomination Report

Report to the Nebraska Children's Commission
January 19, 2021

The following individuals have been nominated for membership on identified Committees as noted below. The Executive Committee has reviewed all applicants and recommends the following appointments.

Alternative Response Advisory Committee

- A representative of the Department of Health and Human Services
 - **Mikayla Wicks, appointment (Voting)** – Program Specialist, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services
- A representative of law enforcement agencies
 - **Alex Hildebrand, appointment (Voting)** – Criminal Investigator, York County Sheriff's Office
- A representative of county attorneys or other prosecutors
 - **Bri McLarty, appointment (Voting)** – Deputy County Attorney, Dodge County Attorney's Office
 - **Lynelle Homolka, appointment (Voting)** – Merrick County Attorney, Merrick County Attorney's Office
- A representative of the state chapter of child advocacy centers
 - **Ivy Svoboda, appointment (Voting)** – Executive Director, Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
- A representative of attorneys for parents
 - **Patrick Carraher, appointment (Voting)** – Attorney, Legal Aid of Nebraska
 - **Karine Sokpoh, appointment (Voting)** – Managing Attorney, Sokpoh Law Group
 - **Reginald Young, appointment (Voting)** – Attorney, Young and Young Attorneys at Law
- A representative of guardians ad litem
 - **Michelle Oldham, appointment (Voting)** – Shareholder Attorney, Sullivan Shoemaker P.C., L.L.O.
 - **Michelle Paxton, appointment (Voting)** – Director of the Children's Justice Clinic, University of Nebraska College of Law
 - **Jan Reeves, appointment (Voting)** – Private practice Attorney
- A representative of a child welfare advocacy organization
 - **Sarah Helvey, appointment (Voting)** – Attorney/Child Welfare Director, Nebraska Appleseed
 - **Susan Thomas, appointment (Voting)** – Retired Educator
 - **Carey Potter, appointment (Voting)** – Director Government Affairs & Marketing, Healthy Blue NE
- A representative of families with experience in the child welfare system
 - **Alise Baker (Voting)** – Certified Peer Support Specialist, Nebraska Family Support Network
- A representative of family caregivers
 - **Jarren Breeling** – Family Advocate, Nebraska Family Support Network
- A representative of the Foster Care Review Office
 - **Monika Gross, appointment (Voting)** – Executive Director, Foster Care Review Office
- A representative of the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
 - **Jennifer Carter, appointment (Voting)** – Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare

Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee

- Representative of an independent living services agency
 - **Felipe Longoria, appointment (Voting)** – Deputy Executive Director, Central Plains Center for Services
- Representative of a child welfare advocacy organization
 - **Taylor Givens-Dunn, appointment (Voting)** – Policy Coordinator for Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, Voices for Children in Nebraska
- Representative of the Judicial Branch of government
 - **Sara Quiroz, appointment (Ex-Officio)** – Juvenile Projects Specialist, Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation

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Juvenile Services Committee

- Representative of DHHS, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
 - **Brenda Kastens (Resource)** – DHHS Program Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid & Long Term Care

Strengthening Families Act Committee

- Representative of the Department of Education (non-statutory)
 - **Pat Frost, reappointment (Voting)** – Education Specialist, Nebraska Department of Education
- Representative of a child care institution
 - **Tiffany Uher, appointment (Voting)** – Continuous Quality Improvement Director, CEDARS Youth Services
- Representative of a child welfare advocacy organization
 - **Misty Frazier, appointment (Voting)** – Executive Director, Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition