

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

April 28, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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1201 Infinity Court
Lincoln, NE 68512

1. Call to Order

JSC Co-Chair Nick Juliano called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked Adam Anderson to call roll. Members introduced themselves.

2. Roll Call

Staff

Juvenile Services Committee

Committee Members Roll Call Present (10)

Nicole Brundo	Mar LaBouchardiere	Vicky Smith (9:12 a.m.)
Amy Hoffman	Lisa Neeman	<i>Proxy for Deb VanDyke-</i>
LaDonna Jones-Dunlap	Tammy Sassaman	<i>Ries, Mary Pat Coe</i>
Nick Juliano	Kelli Schadwinkel	

Committee Members Absent (6)

Jennifer Carter	Patrick Sailors
Marisa Hattab	Bobbi Taylor
Dennis Marks	Dr. Richard Wiener

Committee Resource Members Present (1)

Julie Smith

Committee Resource Members Absent (2)

Brenda Kastens
Senator Patty Pansing Brooks

A quorum was established for the Juvenile Services Committee

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Coalition Members Present (9)

Neleigh Boyer	Brian Halstead	Elaine Menzel
Patrick Connell	Amy Hoffman	Jill Schubauer
Monika Gross	Denise Kracl (9:19 a.m.)	Tami Steensma

Coalition Members Absent (8)

Roma Amundson	Misty Flowers	Amanda Speichert
Colleen Barnes	Janteice Holston	Bobbi Taylor
Stanford Bradley	Denise Manthei	

Coalition Ex-Officio Members Present (1)

Kari Rumbaugh

Coalition Ex-Officio Members Absent (2)

Judge Chad Brown

Judge Joel B. Jay

A quorum was established for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

Guests in Attendance (6):

Adam Anderson	Nebraska Children’s Commission
Laura Opfer.....	Nebraska Children’s Commission
Greg Harre.....	Lancaster County Youth Services Center
Kim Hawekotte.....	Douglas County
Anne Hobbs.....	University of Nebraska – Juvenile Justice Institute
Monica Miles-Steffens.....	University of Nebraska – Juvenile Justice Institute
Sara Quiroz.....	Administrative Office of Courts and Probation

a. Notice of Publication

Administrative Assistant for the Nebraska Children’s Commission, Adam Anderson, 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 at the sign-in table and on the Nebraska Children’s Commission website.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Amy Hoffman from the NCJJ and JSC to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Halstead from the NCJJ and Tammy Sassaman from the JSC. There was no further discussion.

Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (10):

Nicole Brundo

Amy Hoffman

LaDonna Jones-Dunlap

Nick Juliano

Mark LaBouchardiere

Lisa Neeman

Tammy Sassaman

Kelli Schadwinkel

Vicky Smith

Proxy for Deb VanDyke-Ries,

Mary Pat Coe

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0);

ABSENT (6):

Jennifer Carter

Marisa Hattab

Dennis Marks

Patrick Sailors

Bobbi Taylor

Dr. Richard Wiener

MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

FOR (9):

Neleigh Boyer

Patrick Connell

Monika Gross

Brian Halstead

Amy Hoffman

Denise Kracl

Elaine Menzel

Jill Schubauer

Tami Steensma

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

ABSENT (8):

Roma Amundson
Colleen Barnes
Stanford Bradley

Misty Flowers
Janteice Holston
Denise Manthei

Amanda Speichert
Bobbi Taylor

MOTION CARRIED for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**Minutes follow the order of items in the agenda.*

4. Approval of JSC and NCJJ January 27, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by **Brian Halstead from the NCJJ and Vicky Smith from the JSC to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Denise Kracl from the NCJJ and Amy Hoffman from the JSC.** There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (10):

Nicole Brundo
Amy Hoffman
LaDonna Jones-Dunlap
Nick Juliano

Mark LaBouchardiere
Lisa Neeman
Tammy Sassaman
Kelli Schadwinkel

Vicky Smith
*Proxy for Deb VanDyke-Ries,
Mary Pat Coe*

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0);

ABSENT (6):

Jennifer Carter
Marisa Hattab
Dennis Marks

Patrick Sailors
Bobbi Taylor
Dr. Richard Wiener

MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

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5. Legislative Update

Laura Opfer shared updates regarding legislation. She discussed LB 1173, which creates a special child welfare committee until 2023. She also discussed LB 541, which implements additional tiers of foster care reimbursement rates and directs DHHS to implement Treatment Family Care. JSC member, Mark LaBouchardiere noted updates regarding the YRTCs and new construction authorized through new legislation. Pat Connell shared information regarding dorm style housing and aggression among youth at detention centers. Members discussed additional legislation and new legislative resolutions.

6. JSC Workgroup Updates

a. Needs Assessment

Co-Chairs Pat Connell and Julie Smith updated the members regarding the work of the workgroup. Connell and Smith noted that recent research has shown the need for residential treatment centers and rather than broadening the scope of the workgroup, they are searching for guidance regarding next possible steps for the workgroup to focus on.

b. Racial & Ethnic Disparities

Laura Opfer noted that Tami Soper has been leading the workgroup recently. Opfer shared that the workgroup is looking to narrow their focus and connecting with RED JDAI to aide discussion and not duplicate efforts. She added that RED Workgroup conversations have been focused on education and how to impact youth earlier, prior to involvement in the juvenile justice system. Monica Miles-Steffens noted that with help from Douglas County, the workgroup created a RED Systems Map and is working on a facilitation guide.

c. Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

Laura Opfer shared information regarding the recommendations provided by the YRTC Workgroup. She discussed the specific details of the recommendations. Mark LaBouchardiere provided additional information regarding the recommendations and how the YRTCs are working towards some of the recommendations. LaBouchardiere noted specific barriers regarding accreditation including intake criteria, restraints, and isolation. Members provided feedback regarding the recommendations.

A motion was made by Kelli Schadwinkel from the JSC to approve the YRTC Workgroup recommendations, with changes as discussed to include intake guidance and screening criteria. The motion was seconded by Mark LaBouchardiere from the JSC. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

Juvenile Services Committee

FOR (10):

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Nick Juliano

Mark LaBouchardiere
Lisa Neeman
Tammy Sassaman
Kelli Schadwinkel

Vicky Smith
*Proxy for Deb VanDyke-Ries,
Mary Pat Coe*

AGAINST (0):

ABSTAINED (0);

ABSENT (6):

Jennifer Carter
Marisa Hattab

Dennis Marks
Patrick Sailors

MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee**7. Update regarding Title II Funds****a. Douglas County**

Kim Hawekotte discussed Title II funding in Douglas County. She shared information [handouts](#) regarding DCYC population, racial/ethnic data, length of stay. Hawekotte also provided information regarding Douglas County Justice Center Programs and Services and Behavioral Health Initiative and Title II grants utilization in Douglas County. Hawekotte also shared information regarding upcoming online training.

b. Lancaster County

Monica Miles-Steffens and Anne Hobbs led the group through a live survey through www.menti.com.

8. NCJJ Subcommittee Updates**a. Executive Subcommittee**

NCJJ Chair Menzel shared information regarding new members, Denise Manthei and Judge Chad Brown, as well as members who were reappointed. She welcomed recommendations for young adult members. Menzel shared that NJJA is next week and CJA is upcoming.

b. Community Planning Advisory Subcommittee

Chair Menzel noted that Trent Chestnutt has left the Crime Commission and a replacement will be found soon.

c. Juvenile Diversion Subcommittee

Vice Chair Denise Kracl noted that all the diversion programs are meeting next week during NJJA. She shared that the group is working on a statewide assessment tool for diversion. Amy Hoffman noted that a program has been adapted based on Nebraska youth data. She noted a contract with Dr. Michael Campagna with the University of Nebraska has been made in the implementation of this project. Hoffman shared that the program will be piloted in a few counties for a few months starting soon and will be rolled out slowly over the course of the couple-year project.

d. Grant Review Subcommittee

Kari Rumbaugh noted that Community Based Aid is currently awarding FY23 and that most Counties should soon know how much they have been awarded. She shared that there were 22 applications of almost \$2 million for Juvenile Services Grants and 564 programs within those application, all of which were awarded. Amy Hoffman noted that the workgroup prioritized requests based on special criteria to even out the requests from urban and rural and counties vs. nonprofits. Rumbaugh added that the information regarding the awards is available on the [Crime Commission website](#).

e. Young Adult Subcommittee

Chair Menzel noted that Stanford Bradley and Bobbi Taylor will be attending the upcoming NJJA Conference and CJA Conference.

9. Probation Update

Kari Rumbaugh shared a [presentation](#). She noted that RED data has been added to the document based on previous discussion. She continued by highlighting specific data points from the presentation. Rumbaugh also shared information regarding upcoming priorities and the System Enhancement Program.

10. YRTC Update

Mark LaBouchardiere shared information regarding the YRTCs. He noted that recently youth have been able to begin trial home visits again. LaBouchardiere shared that Hastings has recently passed a federal audit and did very well. He continued that a lot of changes have been made in the last few years and they are looking towards a period of stabilization after implementation of all the changes.

11. Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There was no public comment.

12. New Business

Tammy Sassaman noted that NJJA Conference is next week in Grand Island. She shared information regarding the upcoming conference. She noted over 300 attendees and additional youth will be in attendance.

13. Upcoming Meeting Planning

July 28, 2022

October 27, 2022

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adam Anderson