

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

October 27, 2022  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Graduate Lincoln Hotel  
141 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**1. Call to Order**

JSC Co-Chair Deb VanDyke-Ries called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves. Roll was taken through introductions.

**2. Roll Call**

**Juvenile Services Committee**

***Committee Members Roll Call Present (11)***

Jennifer Carter	Proxy for Mark LaBouchardiere,	Kelli Schadwinkel
Amy Hoffman	<i>Neleigh Boyer</i>	Vicky Smith
LaDonna Jones-Dunlap (9:45 a.m.)	Proxy for Lisa Neeman, <i>Michelle</i>	Deb VanDyke-Ries
Nick Juliano	<i>Nunemaker</i>	Dr. Richard Wiener
	Tammy Sassaman	

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

Nicole Brundo	Dennis Marks	Bobby Taylor
Marisa Hattab	Patrick Sailors	

***Committee Resource Members Present (1)***

Proxy for Julie Smith, *Erin Curran*

***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 (12)***

Colleen Barnes	Misty Flowers	Elaine Menzel
Neleigh Boyer	Brian Halstead (9:00-11:00 a.m.)	Dan Schleusener
Stanford Bradley (10:40 a.m.)	Monika Gross	Steve Solorio
Patrick Connell	Amy Hoffman	Tami Steensma

***Coalition Members Absent (6)***

Roma Amundson	Denise Manthei	Jill Schubauer
Janteice Holston	Daniel Schleusener	Bobbi Taylor

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

Judge Joel Jay  
Proxy for Kari Rumbaugh, Kelli Schadwinkel

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

Judge Chad Brown

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

**Guests in Attendance (9):**

Adam Anderson .....	Nebraska Children’s Commission
Patrici Cartledge .....	United Healthcare
Renee Dozier .....	Region V Systems
Sara Hoyle .....	Lancaster County
Michelle Muhle .....	Nebraska Total Care
Michelle Nunemaker .....	DHHS
Tami Soper .....	Boys Town
Darla Wynia .....	Nebraska Total Care
Erin Wasserberger .....	Nebraska Crime Commission

*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 Dr. Wiener from the JSC and Brian Halstead from the NCJJ to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Tammy Sassaman from the JSC and Amy Hoffman from the NCJJ.** There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**Juvenile Services Committee**

**FOR (10):**

Jennifer Carter	Proxy for Lisa Neeman, <i>Michelle</i>	Deb VanDyke-Ries
Amy Hoffman	<i>Nunemaker</i>	Dr. Richard Wiener
Nick Juliano	Tammy Sassaman	
Proxy for Mark LaBouchardiere, <i>Neleigh Boyer</i>	Kelli Schadwinkel	
	Vicky Smith	

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (6):**

Nicole Brundo	LaDonna Jones-Dunlap	Patrick Sailors
Marisa Hattab	Dennis Marks	Bobbi Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee**

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**FOR (11):**

Colleen Barnes  
Neleigh Boyer  
Patrick Connell  
Misty Flowers

Monika Gross  
Brian Halstead  
Amy Hoffman  
Elaine Menzel

Daniel Scheusener  
Steve Solorio  
Tami Steensma

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (7):**

Roma Amundson  
Stanford Bradley  
Janteice Holston

Denise Manthei  
Jill Schubauer  
Amanda Speichert

Bobbi Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**4. Approval of JSC and NCJJ July 28, 2022 Minutes**

A motion was made by Amy Hoffman from the JSC and Monika Gross from the NCJJ to approve the July 28, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wiener from the JSC and Neleigh Boyer from the NCJJ. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**Juvenile Services Committee**

**FOR (10):**

Jennifer Carter  
Amy Hoffman  
Nick Juliano  
Proxy for Mark LaBouchardiere,  
*Neleigh Boyer*

Proxy for Lisa Neeman, *Michelle Nunemaker*  
Tammy Sassaman  
Kelli Schadwinkel  
Vicky Smith

Deb VanDyke-Ries  
Dr. Richard Wiener

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (6):**

Nicole Brundo  
Marisa Hattab

LaDonna Jones-Dunlap  
Dennis Marks

Patrick Sailors  
Bobbi Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED for the Juvenile Services Committee**

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**FOR (11):**

Colleen Barnes  
Neleigh Boyer  
Patrick Connell  
Misty Flowers

Monika Gross  
Brian Halstead  
Amy Hoffman  
Elaine Menzel

Daniel Scheusener  
Steve Solorio  
Tami Steensma

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (7):**

Roma Amundson  
Stanford Bradley  
Janteice Holston

Denise Manthei  
Jill Schubauer  
Amanda Speichert

Bobbi Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**5. Approval of NCJJ April 28, 2022 Minutes**

A motion was made by Neleigh Boyer from the NCJJ to approve the April 28, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Amy Hoffman from the NCJJ. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**FOR (11):**

Colleen Barnes  
Neleigh Boyer  
Patrick Connell  
Misty Flowers

Monika Gross  
Brian Halstead  
Amy Hoffman  
Elaine Menzel

Daniel Scheusener  
Steve Solorio  
Tami Steensma

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (7):**

Roma Amundson  
Stanford Bradley  
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Jill Schubauer  
Amanda Speichert

Bobbi Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**6. JSC Membership Vacancies**

Adam Anderson noted the current JSC vacancies. He shared that Judge Denise Kracl has applied for the position of a Judge Representative on the Juvenile Services Committee. He added that with Judge Kracl's appointment the Committee is full with the exception of one resource member previously held by DHHS. Anderson noted that Mark LaBouchardiere is working to determine a person to fill this resource position.

**7. Election of Vice Chair of NCJJ**

NCJJ Chair Menzel discussed the departure of Denise Kracl as Vice Chair due to Kracl's appointment as 5<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge. Menzel noted that Kari Rumbaugh, who was absent expressed interest in the Vice Chair position and was still interested despite her absence. Chair Menzel ask the NCJJ members if anyone present who hadn't previously expressed interest would like to seek nomination. No NCJJ members responded.

A motion was made by Brian Halstead from the NCJJ to cease nominations and elect Kari Rumbaugh as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Misty Flowers from the NCJJ. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

**FOR (11):**

Colleen Barnes  
Neleigh Boyer  
Patrick Connell  
Misty Flowers

Monika Gross  
Brian Halstead  
Amy Hoffman  
Elaine Menzel

Daniel Scheusener  
Steve Solorio  
Tami Steensma

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAINED (0):**

**ABSENT (7):**

Roma Amundson

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### **MOTION CARRIED for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

#### **8. Center for Coordinated Assistance Overview**

Chair Menzel introduced Cassy Blakely from the Center for Coordinated Assistance to the States, who joined via web conference and discussed the work and planning for Nebraska to come back into Title II compliance. She shared a [presentation](#). Members discussed the presentation and the project. Adam Anderson noted that he will share the presentation with the group. Chair Menzel welcomed questions regarding the process.

#### **9. Legislative Update**

NCJJ Chair Menzel shared an update regarding the legislative resolutions and interim studies. She noted that the Judiciary has finished up hearings. She shared that there is an upcoming hearing regarding LR354, which deals with educational experiences and outcomes of youth in foster care. She added that the hearing for LR399 occurred in October regarding the Problem-Solving Court. She also noted that LR420, dealing with special education needs has yet to have a hearing scheduled, and LR438, the deals with identifying policy changes regarding data sharing and communication among state and local agency responsible for the care and rehabilitation of youth, has an invite-only hearing scheduled. Lastly, Menzel shared that LR404 has Brian Halstead shared info regarding LR438 and the update that will be given by the Education Commissioner.

Tami Soper shared information regarding a town hall meeting held by Senator McKinney. She noted that it was well attended, and she expected to some sort of policy to come from that town hall.

#### **10. NCJJ Subcommittee Updates**

##### **a. Executive Subcommittee**

Chair Menzel noted that work has been done on pulling in CCAS. She noted that some Coalition Members will be able to attend CJJ R/ED conference the following week.

##### **b. Community Planning Advisory Subcommittee**

Chair Menzel and Erin Wasserberger noted that the Subcommittee met in August. Wasserberger noted the group is working on redoing the community planning template. She noted feedback received that the previous template was difficult to use. She also shared that the group is working on conference presenters for a CBA conference, June 14-16 at the Graduate Hotel in Lincoln.

##### **c. Juvenile Diversion Subcommittee**

Amy Hoffman noted they are working on an assessment tool, that is currently being piloted in a couple counties. Hoffman shared that they are finalizing the scoring and hopefully will be training in the summer at the CBA conference in June. She noted that the tool is called the Nebraska Screening Assessment Tool.

##### **d. Grant Review Subcommittee**

Erin Wasserberger noted that the group met recently. She shared the group released grants on October 21, which will be due on December 21. She noted that on November 18 there is a webinar for assistance. Wasserberger noted that the group reached out to all nonparticipating tribes and communities. Additionally, she noted the group released a grant for unused funds, and \$262,724 is still available as of Oct 18. She added that the deadline for those additional funds is December 2. Amy Hoffman noted that the grant awards have been posted to the website.

##### **e. Young Adult Subcommittee**

Chair Menzel shared that a meeting has been setup with Youth Move to discuss young adults assisting state advisory groups. She was hopeful that the toolkit will be available in the summer to help

#### **11. JSC Workgroup Updates**

##### **a. Access to Services**

Erin Curran shared information regarding the recent work of the group. The workgroup shared a [handout](#) noting its work.

Tammy Sassaman noted that a training system called Second Step is being used that focuses on prevention services that can be

implemented at the school level. Members discussed the availability of services and inviting community collaboratives to the discussion. Co-Chair Juliano thanked the workgroup for their work and offered the help of the JSC where needed.

**b. Racial & Ethnic Disparities**

Tami Soper shared information regarding the work of the workgroup. She noted the recommendations made to the JSC and in turn the annual report. She hoped that recommendations can be made regarding the intersection of juvenile justice and education and that the workgroup is awaiting the change in leadership at the Department of Education, in that regard. She noted excitement in assisting the state back into Title II compliance. She shared thoughts regarding ideas that came out of the JDAI Conference and the continued racial and ethnic disparities for youth in confinement, as well as juveniles with mental health issues that are confined in facilities that lack mental health training.

**c. Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers**

Adam Anderson shared recent updates from the YRTC Workgroup. He noted that recently the group has paused to regroup with the help of the new Policy Analyst at the Children's Commission, who starts on November 1.

**12. CBA Recipient Presentation**

Stanford Bradley and Sara Hoyle presented [information](#) regarding a program operated by the Malone Center in Lincoln.

**13. Probation and JDAI Update**

Kelli Schadwinkel shared a [handout](#) with information regarding the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement. She provided an update regarding this work. Sara Quiroz provided an update regarding National Youth Screening and Assessment Partners and Trauma Screening and Services, Child Trauma Screening Tool. Quiroz also provided an update regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

**14. YRTC Update**

Neleigh Boyer shared that YRTC-Kearney Administrator Paul Gordon recently took another job, and that DHHS are currently looking to fill the position. Boyer noted that Cindy Krolikowski is filling in until a new administrator can be found. Boyer shared that it was the day of the annual Haunted House event, and that girls from the Hastings campus and 10 youth from Whitehall are attending. Dan Schleusener shared his gratitude regarding a recent law enforcement appreciation event at YRTC Kearney.

**15. OIG Annual Report**

Inspector General Jennifer Carter shared a [PowerPoint](#) and provided an overview of the OIG, their work, and their annual report.

**16. Public Comment**

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

**17. New Business**

There was no new business.

**18. Upcoming Meeting Planning**

January 26, 2023

**19. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Anderson