

## Nebraska Children's Commission Meeting

December 14, 2023  
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Webex Videoconferencing System  
And  
Foster Care Review Office  
1225 L Street, Suite 401  
Lincoln, NE 68508

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Misty Flowers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM She asked attendees to introduce themselves. Roll call was taken by Adam Anderson through introductions.

### 2. Introductions and Roll Call

#### *Commission Members Present (8)*

Jarren Breeling	Melissa Nance	Susan Thomas
Misty Flowers	Felicia Nelsen	LaShawn Young
Richard Hasty	Lana Temple-Plotz	

#### *Commission Members Absent (4)*

A'Jamal Byndon	Ron Giesselmann
Vernon Davis	Sara Hoyle

#### *Commission Ex-Officio Members Present (7)*

Jennifer Carter	Proxy for Michaela Hirschman,	Judge Amy Schuchman
Monika Gross	Suzana Borowski	Kari Rumbaugh
	LaDonna Jones-Dunlap	Deb VanDyke-Ries

#### *Commission Ex-Officio Members Absent (3)*

Senator Beau Ballard  
Senator Carol Blood  
Senator Myron Dorn

Roll call was taken through introductions, and a quorum was established.

#### *Guests in Attendance (3)*

Amanda Adams, Nebraska Children's Commission  
Adam Anderson, Nebraska Children's Commission  
Camas Holder, Nebraska DHHS

#### *a. Notice of Publication*

Recorder for the meeting, Adam Anderson, indicated that the notice of publication for this meeting was posted on the Nebraska Public Meetings Calendar and Nebraska Children's Commission websites in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The publication would be kept as a permanent attachment with the meeting minutes.

#### *b. Announcement of the placement of Open Meetings Act information*

A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection and was located at the sign-in table and on the Children's Commission Website.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

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It was moved by Felicia Nelsen and seconded by Jarren Breeling to approve the agenda as presented. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**FOR (7):**

Jarren Breeling  
Misty Flowers  
Richard Hasty

Melissa Nance  
Felicia Nelsen  
Susan Thomas

LaShawn Young

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAIN (0):**

**ABSENT (5):**

A'Jamal Byndon  
Vernon Davis

Ron Giesselmann  
Sara Hoyle

Lana Temple-Plotz

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Note that the order of items in the minutes will not be reflective of the original agenda.*

### 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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- a. [November 14, 2023 Minutes](#)
- b. [November 14, 2023 Workshop Notes](#)
- c. [Member Nomination Report](#)

It was moved by Susan Thomas and seconded by Jarren Breeling to approve the Consent Agenda items. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**FOR (7):**

Jarren Breeling  
Misty Flowers  
Richard Hasty

Melissa Nance  
Felicia Nelsen  
Susan Thomas

LaShawn Young

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAIN (0):**

**ABSENT (5):**

A'Jamal Byndon  
Vernon Davis

Ron Giesselmann  
Sara Hoyle

Lana Temple-Plotz

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 5. 1173 NCC Memo

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Amanda Adams shared that at the November meeting of the Commission the members decided to convene a workgroup to look at the 1173 Practice and Finance Models proposed by the Stephen Group through the 1173

Committee. She noted that the group met over the course of the past weeks to review the models and review the response drafted by Amanda.

Adams reviewed the recommendations proposed in the [Response to “Reimagine Wellbeing” Practice & Finance Models](#). Adams noted changes that are planned such as numbering and formatting. Adams also reviewed the priorities outlined in the report. Members suggested edits to Adams for changing prior to submission to the Legislature.

Members discussed the Commission evaluating provider rates and a third-party review of provider rates.

Members discussed foster care placements and tiered rates. Members focused on a recommendation opposing a lower tier for parents that are not licensed.

**It was moved by Felicia Nelsen and seconded by Susan Thomas to approve the 1173 Memo with edits as discussed.** There was no further discussion. Roll call vote as follows:

**FOR (7):**

Jarren Breeling  
Misty Flowers  
Richard Hasty

Melissa Nance  
Felicia Nelsen  
Susan Thomas

LaShawn Young

**AGAINST (0):**

**ABSTAIN (0):**

**ABSENT (5):**

A’Jamal Byndon  
Vernon Davis

Ron Giesselmann  
Sara Hoyle

Lana Temple-Plotz

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Public Comment**

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Misty Flowers opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

**7. New Business**

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Misty Flowers opened the floor for new business. There was none.

**8. Upcoming Meeting Planning**

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- a. February 13, 2024
  - b. May 14, 2024
  - c. August 6, 2024
  - d. November 12, 2024

**9. Adjourn**

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The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Anderson