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NEBRASKA COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m. CDT

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice met Monday, December 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m. CDT at the Northbridge Community Center, 1533 N. 27th St, Lincoln NE. Notice of this meeting was published November 30, 2014 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Crime Commission website.

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. CDT by Cassandra Rockwell, Chair.

II. **Open Meetings Law Advisement**

Rockwell informed the Coalition that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, as amended by LB 898, 2005 Legislature, is located on the table in the side of the room for public review if desired.

III. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Darrell Fisher, Mark Benne, Nola Bennett, Kara Brostrom, Ron Johns, Denise Kracl, Brett Matthies, Elaine Menzel, Cassandra Rockwell, Chris Rodgers, Dan Scarborough, Jeanne Brandner, Michelle Schindler, Kent Turnbull, Tony Green, Kim Hawekotte, Kathy Seacrest, Timothy Dempsey, Heather Duhachek, and Brain Halstead

Members Excused: Amanda Speichert, Tiffany Gressley, Judge Vernon Daniels, Nicola Variano, Neleigh Boyer

Member Absent: Bill Brueggemann, , John-Robert Bloom, Daniel L. Lynch

Staff Present: Lisa Stamm, Laurie Holman, Derek Jones, Vanessa Humaran, Kristy Nguyen, Cynthia Kennedy, Amy Hoffman

Public Members: Becky Steiner, Juvenile Justice Coordinator, Lancaster County

IV. **Introductions**

Rockwell commented and appreciated the attendance of the Coalition members.

V. **Approval of September 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Motion

A motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Schindler to approve the September 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Benne, Bennett, Brostrom, Johns, Kracl, Mathies, Rockwell, Rodgers, Scarborough, Brandner, Schindler, Turnbull, Green, Hawekotte, Seacrest, Halstead, Dempsey (abstained.) Motion carried.

VI. **Approval of up to \$1,500 in SAG funds for the Spirit of Youth Award**

Rockwell informed the Coalition on the 2016 Spirit of Youth Award. Rockwell went over its purpose, criteria, selection, presentation and deadline for 2016 Nominations (Please see attachment 1.) Rockwell invited a motion to approve -up to \$1,500 in SAG funds for the Spirit of Youth Award.

Motion

A motion was made by Halstead and seconded by Mathies to approve of up to \$1,500 in SAG funds for the Spirit of Youth Award. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Benne, Bennett, Brostrom, Johns, Kracl, Mathies, Rockwell, Rodgers, Scarborough, Brandner, Schindler, Turnbull (abstain), Green, Hawekotte, Seacrest, Halstead, Dempsey. Motion carried.

VII. **Approval of up to \$5,000 in SAG funds for three people to attend the Annual CJJ Spring Conference April 20-23, 2016.**

Motion

A motion was made by Hawekotte and seconded by Kracl to approve of up to \$5,000 in SAG funds for three people to attend the Annual CJJ Spring Conference April 20-23, 2016. Voting in favor of motion: Fisher, Benne, Bennett, Brostrom, Johns, Kracl, Mathies, Rockwell, Rodgers, Scarborough, Brandner, Schindler, Turnbull (abstain), Green, Hawekotte, Seacrest, Halstead, Dempsey. Motion carried.

VIII. **Legislative Update**

Holman, Rockwell and Brandner gave a brief update on Legislative. There was a discussion among the Coalition.

IX. **SAG Funds update**

Humaran provided an overview on SAG funds (Please see attachment 2).

X. **Governor's Report**

Humaran provided printed copies of the Annual Report and gave an update on the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice FY 2014/2015 Annual Report to the Governor and Nebraska Legislature.

XI. NCJJ Meeting Schedule

Rockwell provided an update on the NCJJ meeting schedule. There was a discussion among the Coalition on selecting meeting dates and time. The Coalition agreed on continuing to use doodle polls to select upcoming meeting dates in order to accommodate the majority of the Coalition members who are able to attend.

XII. Probation/JDAI Update

Brandner provided an update on Probation and JDAI.

XIII. JJ Specialist & Compliance Monitor Report

Humaran provided an update on JJ Specialist. Humaran informed the Coalition that the the applications for Juvenile Services and Tittle II were posted on the NCC website. Humaran informed the Coalition that on December 10,2015 Jeanette Greer, Lisa Stamm and herself facilitated the Grants Management Training at Cedars Northbridge.

Jones provided a brief update on Compliance Monitor Report. Jones informed the Coalition that the subcommittee has been maintaining Jail inspections and conduct monitors with NCJIS for Juvenile activities and the Law Enforcement Facility. Jones informed the Coalition that the subcommittee had completed the third Compliance Monitor Training for Law Enforcement at the Training Center in 2015. Jones informed the Coalition that he will be conducting monitors and Training in Colorado the next few months.

XIV. SAG Technical Assistance

Dr. Lisa Hutchinson presented SAG Technical Assistance via online training. Dr. Hutchinson gave a presentation on OJJDP, Roles of the State Advisory Groups (SAGs), core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. (JJDP Act), Developmental Approach, Goals of Juvenile Justice Reform, Specified SAG Roles and Responsibilities, Leadership Role of OJJDP, strategic visioning, three year planning, NCJJ Involvement and NE statewide Priority areas. Dr. Lisa Hutchinson stated that the next meeting will be in January, 2015. There was a discussion among the Coalition.

XV. Subcommittee Reports

a. Executive

Humaran gave a review on the reimbursement process. Humaran stated that in order to be reimbursed for this committee, the members need to complete the expense reimbursement form within 60 days. Humaran provided the W9 forms and examples on how to complete the form.

b. DMC

Rodgers provided an update on DMC. Rodgers informed the Coalition that the subcommittee will meet following the NCJJ Meeting.

c. Grant Review

Turnbull provided an update on the Grant Review subcommittee. Kennedy briefed the NCJJ on the updated Grant Review Process which involved the following steps: Staff Review, Grant Review, selecting three members from the Crime Commission Board and one of which is the chair member of the Coalition to read the applications and the appeals come before the Crime Commission Board.

d. Youth

Rockwell provided a brief update on the Youth subcommittee. Rockwell gave an update on the open youth positions on the Coalition.

e. Community Planning Advisory

Menzel provided an update on Community Planning Advisory. Menzel informed the Coalition that the subcommittee had been reviewing the Community plans that help set the priorities for the community for the upcoming 3 year cycle, July 2016 – June 2018. Menzel informed the Coalition that the subcommittee will have a conference call the upcoming week. Menzel also informed the Coalition that the upcoming Staff Review will be in February, 2016 prior to the Grant Review Committee reviewing Community Aids applications.

Kennedy informed the Coalition that Danni McGown was hired on October 19, 2015 to provide financial oversight to the community based aid grant program. Kennedy stated that McGown had completed the financial monitor at Colfax County earlier this month. Kennedy informed the Coalition that the rules and regulations for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program have been approved by the Attorney General's Office. There was a brief discussion among the Coalition.

f. Diversion

Menzel provided an update on Diversion regarding Membership Recruitment, Diversion Toolkit, Georgetown Project and Subcommittee Charter (Please see attachment 3) there was a discussion among the Coalition.

XVI. Old Business

No old business at this time

XVII. New Business

No new business at this time

XVIII. Public Comment

No public comment at this time

XIX. Meeting Dates

- a. Friday, March 07, 2016, TBA

XX. **Adjournment**

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Kracl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristy Nguyen", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Huong (Kristy) Nguyen
Staff Assistant I

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2016 SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD

PURPOSE

The Spirit of Youth Award recognizes a young adult who has made great strides following involvement with the juvenile justice system; has overcome personal obstacles; and is making significant contributions to society.

The award provides the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the public an important opportunity to learn from a young person's direct experience about the hard work and dedication it takes to build a better life, and how juvenile justice professionals and systems can most effectively support the youth they serve.

CRITERIA

The award recipient must be:

- Under 24 years of age,
- A person who was adjudicated delinquent/involved in the juvenile justice system,
- Currently involved, directly or indirectly, in bettering the lives of youth; and
- Nominated by a former system worker or member of the community.

SELECTION

The Nebraska Juvenile Justice Coalition Youth Committee will review nominations. All nominees will be informed of the decision made by March 1st, 2016. The review committee will respect confidentiality, as well as it can.

PRESENTATION

The recipient will be honored at the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association (NJJA) Annual Conference at 12:00pm on May 19th, 2016. The recipient will receive an honorary plaque, a one-time \$500 scholarship to a Nebraska post-secondary institution or training program of the recipient's choice, free conference registration and travel and/or lodging expenses to attend the 2016 NJJA Annual Conference, May 18th-20th, 2016, at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. The recipient's nomination will also be forwarded to the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice as Nebraska's nomination for the National Spirit of Youth Award. The recipient will be asked to sign a media release to allow for publishing about his/her recognition.

DEADLINE FOR 2016 NOMINATIONS

All nominations must be received by February 1st, 2016. Electronic submission is encouraged. Please mail, fax or email completed applications to:

Attn: Vanessa Humaran
Nebraska Crime Commission
301 Centennial Mall South/PO Box 94946
Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone: (402) 471-3998
Fax: (402) 471-2837
Email: vanessa.humaran@nebraska.gov

SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD

NOMINATION

This award celebrates a young adult who, by overcoming personal obstacles and serving his or her community, exemplifies the importance of the rehabilitative focus of the juvenile justice system as well as the power of personal achievement.

Nominee:

Name: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Nominator:

Name: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions about the nominee. Please limit all supporting material to no more than four pages.

1. How has the nominee transformed his or her life in a positive way?
2. What were the obstacles this person overcame?
3. What contributions has this person made in his or her community?
4. Why are you recommending this person for the Spirit of Youth Award?

For further information, contact Vanessa Humaran at (402) 471-3998 or vanessa.humaran@nebraska.gov.

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SAG FUNDS OVERVIEW

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice has received \$20,000 annually from the Title II grants. The Nebraska Crime Commission has received FY 2015 Title II allocating \$20,000 for SAG funds. The amount will change if the award for Title II changes. The SAG funds are used annually for the purposes listed below. The amounts listed are allocations to ensure that the SAG remains active and involved. The annual dues are a set amount each year all other expenses are allocations. As of today 12/11/15 FY 14 and FY 15 funds have been allocated although not fully expended.

JJD State Advisory Group Funds Annual Expenditures

Advisory Group Meetings \$ 7,000

NCJJ Annual Dues \$4,750

CJJ Spring Conference (Washington DC) \$5,000

Youth Summit (Washington D.C.) \$3,000

Spirit of Youth Award \$1,000

Appreciation Gifts \$ 150

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**Nebraska Coalition on Juvenile Justice
Diversion Subcommittee Report
September to December 10, 2015**

Membership Recruitment.

The Diversion Subcommittee is reviewing its current membership and always looking to include more members of NCJJ. Each member of the Diversion Subcommittee will be asked to confirm their desire to serve on the subcommittee for another year. If a member has to leave the subcommittee that member will be asked to name or nominate others who may be interested in participating on the Diversion Subcommittee. The Diversion Subcommittee is comprised of stakeholders who work in and around diversion programs or the juvenile justice system in Nebraska. If anyone is interested in serving on this subcommittee or has questions about the Diversion Subcommittee please contact Amy Hoffman or Denise Kracl.

Diversion Toolkit.

The Diversion Subcommittee continues to work on the Diversion Toolkit. The Diversion Toolkit will be filled with assessments and other helpful items so that any County Attorney or organization working with the County Attorney can start a diversion program or improve their existing program.

Georgetown Project.

Members of the Diversion Subcommittee along with Dr. Anne Hobbs and the Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) met at the NACO office in Lincoln to participate in a conference call with experts from Georgetown University. The goal of the call was to receive technical assistance from Georgetown staff regarding how to track recidivism and outcome measures in diversion participants.

Subcommittee Charter.

Following in the footsteps of the Youth and Community Planning Subcommittees, the Diversion Subcommittee is working on a charter. More information about that charter will be forthcoming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise J. Kracl,
Diversion Subcommittee Chair