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NEBRASKA COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2016, 9:00 a.m. CDT

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice met Friday, September 30, 2016, 9:00 a.m. CDT at the Northbridge Community Center, 1533 N. 27th St, Lincoln NE. Notice of this meeting was published September 16, 2016 in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Crime Commission website.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. CDT by Cassandra Rockwell, Chairperson.

II. Open Meetings Law Advisement

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

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Benne, Dan Scarborough, John-Robert Bloom (arrived at 10:30 A.M.), Denise Kracl, Brett Matthies, Elaine Menzel, Cassandra Blakely, Kim Hawekotte, Neleigh Boyer, Heather Duhachek, Tiffany Gressley, Brian Halstead, Jeanne Brandner, Michelle Schindler, Caitlin Holman, Justin Myers, Kevin Spencer, Mark LaBouchardiere, Jim Blue

Members Excused: Darrell Fisher, Kara Brostrom, Amanda Speichert, Judge Vernon Daniels, Chris Rodgers, Kathy Seacrest,

Members Absent: Nicola Variano, Daniel Osmond, Corben Waldron

Staff Present: Lisa Stamm, Vanessa Humaran, Cindy Kennedy, Amy Hoffman, Kristy Nguyen, Laurie Holman, Marcella Johnson,

Public Members: Doug Weinberg, Stanford Bradley, Jason Stille, Christine Wenzl

IV. Introductions

Blakely informed the coalition that there are some new members to the Coalition and had everyone introduce themselves to the group. Blakely welcomed the new members to the coalition. Blakely reminded everyone to explain the acronyms that would be used during the meeting. Blakely gave a brief update on the small appreciation gifts that will be used for the members that are no longer with the Coalition and advised that an action item would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Blakely informed the Coalition that the group will now need a new chair for the Grant Review Committee and if any member is interested to let Blakely know.

V. Approval of June 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Hawekotte to approve the June 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Voting in favor of motion: Benne, Bloom (arrived at 10:30 A.M.), Kracl, Matthies, Menzel, Blakely, Hawekotte, Boyer, Duhachek, Gressley, Halstead, Brandner, Schindler (abstained), Holman, Myers, Spencer, LaBouchardiere. Motion carried.

VI. Grantee Presentation- Lancaster County – 5-0 fun club

Christine Wenzl provided a presentation on Lancaster County 5-0 fun club. Wenzl provided an explanation on the Community Policing, collaboration between the Lancaster County Sherriff's Office and CEDARS. There was a brief discussion between the Coalition and Wenzl.

VII. Grantee Presentation – Lancaster County – Shields United

Stanford Bradley, Director of the Salvation Army and captain Jason Stille provided a presentation on Shields UNITED Program which included explanation on the Young Leaders Club and the activities. There was a brief discussion between the Coalition and the presenters.

VIII. Probation/JDAI Update

Brandner provided an update on Probation and JDAI. Brander provided an overview of the Initiative sessions that the committee had attended as well as the upcoming meetings.

IX. Legislative Update

Holman gave an overview and provided a handout regarding the Juvenile Justice 2016 Interim Studies (Please see attachment 1). There was a discussion among the members of the Coalition.

X. SAG Funds Update

Humaran informed the Coalition that she will send out an e-mail to everyone on the SAG Funds Update.

XI. Review the policy recommendations of the Children's Commission

Blakely provided an update on the policy recommendations of the Children's Commission. Blakely provided an explanation as well as the priorities of the followings: The Juvenile Services committee background and history, Courts and legal system, Evaluation and assessment, Service Coordination, Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) and out of home placement (OOHP) workgroup. There was a discussion among the Coalition.

XII. Break 11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

XIII. JJ Specialist & Compliance Monitor Report

Humaran informed the Coalition that since the last meeting, she has been participating in interviews for DMC/Compliance and working with Stamm on compliance DMC deadlines that will be receiving training from DMC Iowa compliance monitor. Humaran also stated that she has been working on JS/title II grants, the governor's report and has been working with OJJDP on meeting federal requirements for Title II. Humaran also gave an update on PREA and RSAT. Humaran stated that she was a member of the Staff Review Team for JAG applications.

XIV. Sub-Committee group activity

Blakely gave a brief update on the Sub-Committee group activity

XV. Subcommittee Reports

a. Executive

Blakely gave a brief update on the Executive subcommittee. Blakely stated that the Executive subcommittee consists of all the chairs of the other committees. Blakely gave an update on the Coalition of Juvenile Justice Legislative Workgroup (Please see attachment 2.)

b. DMC

Humaran informed the Coalition that Rodgers has strategized next statewide DMC assessment. Humaran informed the Coalition that Stamm, Humaran, Miles-Steffens and Rodgers will meet within the next couple of weeks to go over any gaps in the previous assessment that still need to be addressed and strategize next steps. Humaran stated that Rodgers has been working with probation and JDAI to collaborate with DMC Committee and assessment.

Humaran informed the Coalition that Brent Stephenson has been hired as the new compliance DMC coordinator. Humaran stated that he has a legal background and comes from the Department of revenue. Humaran stated that he will start in the middle of October. Humaran also indicated that Stephenson first priority will be working on compliance in preparation for a compliance audit at the beginning of next year.

c. Grant Review

Menzel provided a brief update on the Grant Review Subcommittee. Menzel informed the Coalition that the subcommittee is currently recruiting a chair.

d. Youth

Blakely provided a brief update on Youth subcommittee.

e. County Planning Advisory

Menzel provided a brief update of the County Planning Advisory subcommittee. (Please see attachment 3.) Menzel informed the Coalition on the upcoming Nebraska Community Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference (Please see attachment 4)

f. Diversion

Kracl provided an update for the Diversion Subcommittee (Please see attachment 5).

XVI. Elections

Blakely provided handouts for the Coalition to vote for the Nebraska Coalition of Juvenile Justice 2016 Chair and Vice Chair Nominees.

XVII. Old Business

No old business at this time.

XVIII. New Business

No new business at this time.

XIX. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

XX. Meeting Dates

- a. Friday, June 05, 2015, TBA
- b. Friday, September 04, 2015, TBA
- c. Friday, December 04, 2015, TBA

XXI. Adjournment

Motion

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Huong (Kristy) Nguyen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Huong (Kristy) Nguyen
Support Assistant, Grant Division

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Juvenile Justice 2016 Interim Studies

Resolution Number	Introducer	Title	Committee	Interim Hearing Date
LR 513	Howard	Interim Study to examine workforce issues within the child welfare and juvenile justice systems	HHS	10/13/16
LR 514	Bolz	Interim study to examine the availability of transition services for youth who will leave or have left the juvenile justice system while in an out-of-home placement	HHS	10/19/16
LR 523	Howard	Interim study to examine Nebraska law regarding the protection of children who have reached eighteen years of age but have not yet reached the age of majority	HHS	11/15/16
LR 529	Howard	Interim study to examine the ongoing implementation of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 and related state law and policy	HHS	10/13/16
LR 532	Bolz	Interim study to evaluate the effectiveness and success of the Office of Violence Prevention	Judiciary	
LR 551	Krist	Interim study to explore and assess the use of congregate care in Nebraska for youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems	HHS	
LR 561	Krist	Interim study to examine the effectiveness, economic stability, and long-term viability of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Geneva	Judiciary	
LR 576	Pansing-Brooks	Interim study to examine children's access to legal counsel in juvenile proceedings across the state of Nebraska	Judiciary	

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COALITION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP
September 28, 2016

Members: Elaine Menzel, Denise Kracl, Jeanne Brandner, Jim Blue, Chris Rodgers, Cynthia Kennedy, Vanessa Humaran, Matt Lewis, Kim Hawekotte

Purpose: The group discussed how this workgroup could benefit both stakeholders and members of the Coalition. Further discussion was held regarding what other members are needed for this Workgroup in order to ensure state-wide participation.

The group discussed five key purposes of the Workgroup:

1. Creation of an educational process regarding juvenile justice for all stakeholders including all three branches of government.
2. Creation of an education process regarding juvenile justice for Coalition members.
3. Creation of a resource listing of experts regarding areas of concern/interest in juvenile justice.
4. Research on proposed legislative bills and the state-wide impact of these bills.
5. Research on needed prospective legislation to further juvenile justice reform in Nebraska.

Action Item: The group is recommending that this Workgroup be a collaborative workgroup with the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Children's Commission. It would include members from both of these groups with co-chairs from each of these groups. We do want to expand our membership to include a rural judge and rural stakeholders. Any recommendations and next steps would remain within the respective members of the CJJ and JJC.

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**Community Planning Subcommittee Update
June - September 2016**

2016/2017 Membership confirmed

- Cynthia Kennedy, Chief Community Aid Division Nebraska Crime Commission
- Lisa Haire, Sarpy County
- Anne Hobbs, Juvenile Justice Institute
- Amy Hoffman, Crime Commission
- Sara Hoyle, Lancaster County
- Ron Johns, Scotts Bluff County
- Denise Kracl, Colfax County
- Pam Lausterer, Saunders County
- Elaine Menzel, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)
- Monica Miles-Steffens, Probation
- Amber Parker, Douglas County
- Sherry Peterson, Madison County
- Sandy Roes, Dawes County
- Carissa Schumacher, Clay County

Met 6/21/2016 – We discussed definitions and reports. Truancy will be the first report. As noted in the Diversion report, a recidivism report is also being worked on by the Juvenile Justice Institute. Cindy was a co-presenter with a consultant from OJJDP regarding juvenile justice reform. At this meeting, Cindy asked for suggestions of topics to discuss and the group noted: truancy, additional counties have come on, highlights, regional collaboration for plans and applications.

Met 8/24/2016 – At this meeting, we spent a great deal of time discussing the application. The goal is to simplify the process and at the same time maximize the quality of information that is provided about each communities' program(s). With respect to community planning, all summary comments were given to the community teams, and they're currently working on revising their plans, if needed.

The 2016 Nebraska Community Aid and Juvenile Justice Conference is focused on community-based aid, community planning, and evidence-based practices. Attendance is open to juvenile justice stakeholders statewide on Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 13, 2016. National and local speakers will be presenting practical information on evidence-based programming to include: truancy intervention and prevention, status offenders, diversion, gang prevention and intervention, detention alternatives, trauma-informed care, and behavioral health. Friday, October 14, 2016 is available only to community aid recipients and community team members. This conference is once again being held free. The conference is located at

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln. Additionally, there is a **Pre-conference Training: Youth Mental Health First Aid** at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), ~~1335 H Street, Lincoln on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 8am-5pm - Open to the first 30 people who sign-up~~

Next meetings:

10/18/2016 – 1:00 – 3:00 - Juvenile Justice Institute, 901 O Street, Ste. 706, Lincoln

12/7/2016 – 1:00 – 3:00 - Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, 6001 Dodge Street, CEC 115 Omaha

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NEBRASKA COMMUNITY AID AND JUVENILE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

A conference focused on Community – Based Aid, Community Planning, and Evidence – Based Practices.

October 12-14, 2016
Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel

Pre-conference Training: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training available to the first 30 people who sign up. This is an 8-hour training to be held at NACO (1335 H St, Lincoln, NE).

Days 1 & 2: National and local speakers presenting breakout sessions on Evidence Based Practices including truancy, status offenders, detention alternatives, gang prevention & intervention, diversion, behavioral health, and trauma-informed care.

Day 3: Available for Community-based Aid subgrantees and programs submitting data. Sessions will include grant administration overview, connecting the juvenile justice system, community team collective impact and system measures, and what the evaluation data shows so far.

Free Registration:

https://www.regpacks.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=3363924

Please be sure to register separately for each session you plan to attend.

Hotel information: A limited block of rooms are reserved at the
Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel,
\$89/room+tax (parking not included)
333 S. 13th St, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 474-7474

Hosted by: Lancaster County and the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

For conference and vendor information contact: Jenni Ryan, jryan@lancaster.ne.gov

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Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Diversion Subcommittee Report
September 30, 2016

The Diversion Subcommittee met on July 21, 2016. Several Diversion Subcommittee members will attend the Court Improvement Project (formally Through the Eyes of the Child) Summit in Kearney September 7-9, 2016. Amy Hoffman and members of the Diversion Subcommittee conducted a break out session detailing tips, trends and solutions for Diversion issues. Those in attendance included Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican and juvenile court judges.

Members of the Diversion subcommittee are serving on the planning committee for the upcoming Community Based Aid Conference which will take place at the Cornhusker Marriott October 12-14, 2016. This conference will include a keynote speaker (Rita Cameron Wedding) and conference tracks involving issues like:

Truancy/Status Offenders, Detention Alternatives/Gangs,
Diversion, and Behavioral Health/Trauma Informed Care.

The Subcommittee will continue to look for future training opportunities.

Amy Hoffman, in coordination with the Diversion Subcommittee, is monitoring and evaluating Diversion programs throughout Nebraska. Amy is working with the programs to make sure that they are implementing best practice recommendations per the Nebraska Diversion Guidebook. Members of the Diversion Subcommittee may assist Amy to monitor and evaluate throughout the next 12 to 18 months.

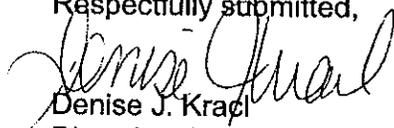
The Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) is set to release their report detailing recidivism and Diversion programs in Nebraska. After the report is released the Diversion Subcommittee will consider statewide training, projected for the calendar year 2017, with possible topics such as data quality, data entry and how to improve local Diversion programs.

The Diversion Subcommittee will meet again:

October 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Juvenile Justice Institute,
Lincoln, Nebraska and

December 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Barbara Weitz Community
Engagement Center, Omaha, Nebraska

Respectfully submitted,


Denise J. Kracl
Diversion Subcommittee Chair