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## Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Meeting

March 25, 2011

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Committee met Friday, March 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the Super 8 Motel, located at 2545 Cornhusker Hwy, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was published March 11, 2011 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

### Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Cassy Blakely, Vice Chairman. Blakely reminded the group we are in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

**Members Present:** Linda Benjamin, Cassy Blakely, Kara Brostrom, Kay Glidden, Nicole Goaley (arrived at 10:35 a.m.), Ron Johns, Elaine Menzel, Kathy Moore, Terri Nutzman (left at 11:45), Gerard Piccolo, Chris Rodgers, Dan Scarborough (left at 11:45), Vanessa Sherman, Petra Smith, Corey Steel, Kevin Stukenholtz, Scott Swisher, Kent Turnbull, Derek Vaughn (arrived at 10:20), Roger Wess. **Members Excused:** Michael Behm, Mark Benne, Jennie Cole-Mossman, Judge Vernon Daniels, Billie Gallagher, Thomas McBride, Christina Rice. **Members Unexcused:** Brady Brewster, Jamal Jackson, Amanda Johnson, Mike Long, Alex Moreno, Todd Reckling, Reggie Ryder. **Staff Present:** Monica Miles-Steffens, Tiffany Mullison, Stephanie Nelson and Lisa Stamm.

### Amended Agenda:

Blakely instructed members and guests to reference the Amended Agenda, which was disseminated prior to the meeting being called to order.

## Approval of December 3, 2010 Minutes

### Motion

**A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Smith to approve the December 3, 2010 meeting minutes.** Voting in favor of the motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Steel, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Turnbull, Vaughn, and Wess. Nutzman, Scarborough (abstained)(*motion carries*)

## Approval of Working Lunch

### Motion

**A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Johns to approve funds for a working lunch.** Voting in Favor of the motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Scarborough, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, and Wess. Nutzman, Steel, and Turnbull (abstained)(*motion carries*)

## Presentation of State Probation Pilot Project in Omaha

Corey Steel spoke on the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project. The project is a collaboration between the Office of Probation and the Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate the barriers to juveniles receiving needed services, therefore reducing the number of state wards and to be able to pay for those needed services. The goal of the project is to provide a meaningful opportunity for juveniles within the juvenile justice system to be rehabilitated. The project has funding available for 72 different levels of care/services: substance abuse – standardized Model; Other treatment – mental health/co-occurring; Out-of-Home – non-treatment placements; Non-treatment – support services. Outcomes for the project are 67% of discharges have completed the project without the need to become State Wards, 50% reduction in dually-supervised juveniles compared to 2009, 86% of juveniles have been able to remain home while in the project and gives Judiciary another option for payment of treatment. Seven percent of the youth are responsible for expending 40% of the funds.

SEE ATTACHMENT I

## Presentation on the Comprehensive Juvenile Service Plan Update

Anne Hobbs, UNO/Juvenile Justice Institute, provided an update on the proposed process of the Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plans. 53 counties have a plan on file. Hobbs reported there is a 3 year cycle of planning as opposed to 1 year or less. Year 1: Organizing &

Writing the Community Plan, which is very similar to the current process, Year 2: Implement Priorities/Strategies & Begin Process to Define State of Youth, such as utilize youth surveys or assessments already being done in the county or JJI offers the Stability Reporting Instrument as a free tool that programs and services in a community could use to assess youth. Year 3: State of Youth Report & Public Engagement. This new Framework requires Community Teams to meet quarterly (twice a year at minimum), to track action items, and submit the corresponding minutes or reports to the Crime Commission and to eventually replace other reporting requirements like activity reports. This also lays the foundation for Plans themselves to be used as requests for County Aid funding and expects Plan updating with the Crime Commission regularly (annually).

SEE ATTACHEMENT II

### **Highlights of the Grant Review Process, Conflict of Interest, and Summary of Work by the Grant Review Team**

Piccolo explained Conflict of Interest and if anyone had any personal interest in a grant application they should abstain on that particular grant when voting. He stated that in the 10 years of serving on the Grant Review he has saw an improvement in the applications in the last couple of years. He thanked Mullison for putting on the Grant Management Training across the state and also thanked everyone who served on the grant review team for all their time and hard work.

Piccolo stated that a copy of all the grant applications were available for review in the event anyone had questions.

### **Approval of Title II application recommendations**

#### **Motion**

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Rodgers to approve the Title II grant applications as recommended by the grant review.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley (abstain 08,11,14), Glidden (abstain 04), Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers (abstain 03,08,11,14), Sherman, Smith (abstain 15-18), Stukenholtz, Swisher, Turnbull (abstain 06,07,12), Vaughn (abstain 08,11,14), and Wess. Nutzman, Scarborough, and Steel abstained. (*motion carries*)

## Approval of Juvenile Services application recommendations

### Motion

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Rodgers to approve the Juvenile Services grant applications as recommended by the grant review.**

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin (abstain 400), Brostrom (abstain 402,403), Goaley, Glidden (abstain 406,410,414), Johns (abstain 434), Menzel, Moore, Piccolo (abstain 402,403), Rodgers, Sherman (abstain 411,412,413), Smith (abstain 415-424), Stukenholtz (abstain 404), Swisher (abstain 402,402,426), Turnbull (abstain 405), Vaughn, and Wess. Nutzman, Scarborough, and Steel abstained. (*motion carries*)

## Approval of County Aid application recommendations

### Motion

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Vaughn to approve the County Aid grant applications as recommended by the grant review.**

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin (abstain 511), Brostrom (abstain 500), Goaley (abstain 504), Glidden, Johns (abstain 519), Menzel, Moore, Piccolo (abstain 500,514), Rodgers (abstain 504), Sherman (abstain 505), Smith (abstain 524,531), Stukenholtz (abstain 535), Swisher, Turnbull (abstain 534), Vaughn (abstain 504), and Wess (abstain 512). Nutzman, Scarborough, and Steel abstained. (*motion carries*)

## Approval of County Aid Enhancement application recommendations

### Motion

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Vaughn to approve the County Aid Enhancement grant applications as recommended by the grant review.**

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin (abstain 112), Brostrom (abstain 119), Goaley (abstain 101), Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo (abstain 119), Rodgers (abstain 101), Sherman (abstain 118), Smith (abstain 100,120), Stukenholtz (abstain 102), Swisher, Turnbull (abstain 117), Vaughn (abstain 101), and Wess. Nutzman, Scarborough, and Steel abstained. (*motion carries*)

Miles-Steffens stated the summary comment sheets have been restructured for the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and asked for feedback of likes and dislikes.

### **Approval of 2009 State Advisory Group funds – Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Request for \$2,500 in scholarships**

#### **Motion**

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Vaughn to approve the NJJA being awarded up to \$2,500 for scholarships for their conference in May 2011.**

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Nutzman, Scarborough, Smith, and Steel abstained. (*motion carries*)

Steel added each year NJJA selects an individual who has made a significant impact on youths' lives for the Service to Youth Award. The recipient can be anyone in Nebraska who: Exemplifies dedication and leadership skills in prevention programs, juvenile justice or human services; Provides a positive role model to youth; Exhibits good moral judgment etc. NJJA welcomes nominations from any individual or group and are due April 1, 2011.

#### **Crime Commission JJ Specialist & Compliance Monitor Report**

Miles-Steffens introduced Lisa Stamm as the new Grants Division Chief and was previously the Victims Administrator. Merry Wills has since been hired to fill the Victims Administrator position, which leaves the Compliance Monitoring position vacant. That position is unable to be filled at this time, therefore Merry is still dedicated to one day a week making sure the data collection piece is still being completed and one of the Jail Standards staff is doing some of the compliance monitoring when he is out on his inspections.

On December 7, the Crime Commission held its first webinar training. Wills presented on the County Aid and County Aid Enhancement grant applications. This format for training was well received from the participants. The webinar is available along with a summary sheet of Questions and Answers on the Crime Commission's web site.

On December 30, Nebraska's 2010 annual compliance monitoring report was submitted to OJJDP. Included in the report are 1 violation of sight and sound separation; 3 jail removal violations; and 23 violations for deinstitutionalization of status offenders.

Until the Compliance Monitoring position is filled, Monica Miles-Steffens will temporarily oversee County Aid activities and Merry Wills will continue to be the contact for compliance monitoring.

Miles-Steffens reported Tiffany had her baby and would be checking emails periodically and will be doing a few things from home, but until her return to contact Monica.

The 2010 JABG and Title V application was announced and are due April 15, 2011. Counties eligible for JABG are Hall, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Douglas. Counties eligible for Title V are the 14 counties where DMC data is currently collected.

The 2010 JABG and Title V Grant Review is set for Wednesday, May 4 via phone conference.

Mullison submitted the Federal JABG application in February and will submit the Title II Federal application in March. The OJJDP has not yet released the request for the Title V application.

The FY09/10 Annual Report to the Governor and Nebraska Legislature was distributed to the Governor, Library commission, Crime Commission staff, and all State Senators. Copies were provided to NCJJ members in the March mailing.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Executive:** Blakely (for Benne) reported on the Executive Sub-Committee and who serves on that committee consists of the Chair of the DMC, Grant Review and Youth committees as well as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Coalition and the past Chair of the Coalition.

Blakely pointed out the salmon colored insert in the member's packets is a overview of the JJDPA Advisory Group funds available and potential expenditures of those funds, which will be review later in the meeting. Mullison stated the Advisory Group receives \$30,000 every year and like to have it all drawn down by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**DMC:** Rodgers reported the first stakeholders meeting for the JDAI is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> in Omaha. A tentative date is set for Casey to return to Douglas County and that will consist of the initial assessment and go into more specific obligations and answer any questions.

Doug Kramer, DMC coordinator, reported the last DMC assessment was done in Nebraska in 1999. A new assessment is required by the OJJDP to be completed by March 2012 and so he will be working with Anne Hobbs and JJI to get that completed.

Johns thanked Rodgers for all of his hard work and laying out all the ground work to get the JDAI process up and running.

**Grant Review:** Piccolo asked the group to consider serving on the grant review for a two year period, which would consist of reading approximately 20-25 grants, being able to discuss each application at the grant review meeting, and then approving or denying each application.

Piccolo reiterated that JABG and Title V grant review meets on May 4<sup>th</sup> via phone conference.

Miles-Steffens reported the Crime Commission's goal to implement e-grants before 2013. Piccolo explained e-grants would allow for applications to be submitted online and grant review would be able to view the application via computer.

**Youth:** Blakely thanked the dedication of youth committee and all the coalition members who take part in the youth committee. She reported 2 slots were open on the NCJJ but have since been filled and the 2 new members will be attending the next meeting. Two other youth have submitted applications to the Governor. Blakely stated a copy of the youth committee meeting minutes were available for review if anyone was interested.

Blakely reported she has been invited to present at the May 2011 CJJ conference regarding state advisory training for youth members.

#### **Approval of 2009 State Advisory Group funds for members to attend the NJJA May 2011 conference in Kearney**

##### **Motion**

**A motion was made by Steel and seconded by Menzel to approve up to 12 members to attend the NJJA conference in May 2011 for a maximum of \$5,000.**  
Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Steel and Turnbull abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Approval of 2009 State Advisory Group funds for members to attend the Annual CJJ Spring Conference and Council of SAG's Meeting in May 2011 in Washington DC**

**Motion**

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Steel to approve up to 3 members to attend the CJJ conference in Washington DC in May 2011 for a maximum of \$7,000.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Steel and Turnbull abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Approval of 2009 State Advisory Group funds for members to attend the Annual CJJ Midwest Region Conference in July 2011 in Indiana**

**Motion**

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Vaughn to approve up to 3 members to attend the CJJ mid west conference in Indiana in July 2011 for a maximum of \$3,600.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Steel and Turnbull abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Approval of State Advisory Group funds for attendance at OJJDP Annual Conference in Maryland in October 2011**

**Motion**

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Vaughn to approve up to 3 members to attend the OJJDP conference in Maryland in October 2011 for a maximum of \$6,800.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Steel and Turnbull abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Approval State Advisory Group funds for \$5,000 for annual dues to the CJJ**

**Motion**

**A motion was made by Benjamin and seconded by Vaughn to approve payment of CJJ dues for \$5,000.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Steel and Turnbull abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Approval State Advisory Group funds for CJJ staff to attend June NCJJ meeting**

**Motion**

**A motion was made by Piccolo and seconded by Menzel to approve payment of two hotel nights in Omaha in June 2011 for Mark Ferrante of the CJJ.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Goaley, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Steel and Turnbull abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Old Business:**

Miles-Steffens reminded the members if they haven't already signed up for auto deposit for their expense reimbursements to do so so they can be reimbursed much quicker. She also made everyone aware of the new reimbursement form.

**New Business:**

Discussion was held on Nebraska Proposed Legislation enclosed in the member packet that would affect the Juvenile arena. Miles-Steffens stated language in LB390 would eliminate Jail Standards a division in the Crime Commission. She said the bill may have stricken that language.

Miles-Steffens reported on a National level the President has proposed to change the structure of the Federal juvenile funding. She said it would make Title II funds competitive rather than a formula and could substantially hurt the states. Discussion was held on composing a letter to the National Representatives a State Advisory Group addressing the issues in the federal budget.

**Approval State Advisory Group to send a letter to the National Representatives addressing the issues in the Federal Budget**

**Motion**

**A motion was made by Rodgers and seconded by Moore to approve sending a letter to the National Representatives addressing the issues in the Federal Budget.** Voting in Favor of the Motion: Benjamin, Brostrom, Glidden, Johns, Menzel, Moore, Piccolo, Rodgers, Sherman, Smith, Steel, Stukenholtz, Swisher, Vaughn, and Wess. Goaley, Turnbull and Vaughn abstained. (*motion carries*)

**Public Comment:**

None

**Meeting Dates for 2011**

- Friday, June 3, 2011
- Friday, September 9, 2011
- Friday, December 2, 2011 at the YRTC in Geneva, Nebraska

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. by Blakely.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Stephanie Nelson