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Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Meeting June 5, 2009

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice Committee met Friday, June 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cornhusker Super 8 Motel, located at 2545 Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was published May 16, 2009 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Linda Benjamin, Chairman.

Members Present: Linda Benjamin, Derek Vaughn, Jennie Cole-Mossman, Corey Steel (designee for Ellen Brokofsky), Lawrence Gendler, Elaine Menzel, Kevin Stukenholtz, Kent Turnbull, Kay Glidden, Ron Johns, Thomas McBride (arrived at 11:22 a.m.), Peg Barner (designee for Todd Reckling), Terri Nutzman, Michael Behm, Mark Benne, Cassandra Blakely, Tim O'Dea, Chris Rodgers, Vanessa Sherman. **Members Excused:** Reggie Ryder, James Blue, Alex Moreno, Ellen Brokofsky, Ashley Frahm, Kathy Moore, Gerard Piccolo, Todd Reckling. **Members Unexcused:** Mike Long, Jamie Sieger, Danika Young. **Staff Present:** Jennifer Kirkpatrick, Tiffany Mullison, Jamie Rivera and Alyson Stephens.

Introductions

Mullison introduced Mike Long, Vanessa Sherman, and Chris Rodgers, new members for the Coalition. New members were provided with a welcome packet of information. Chris Rodgers is currently on the Douglas County Board of Commissioners in his second term. Prior to that he worked as an Aid for Mayor Fahey. Vanessa Sherman is the Coordinator of the Otoe County Juvenile Diversion program for the last six years and also coordinates a Youth As Resources program. Mike Long is the County Attorney for Madison County.

Approval of March 27, 2009 Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by O'Dea to approve the March 27, 2009 minutes. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn,

Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Benne, Behm, Blakely, O'Dea, Rodgers, Sherman, Turnbull and Gendler. Nutzman abstained. (Motion carried.)

Approval of Snack

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Benne to approve funds for snack. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn, Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Benne, Behm, Blakely, O'Dea, Rodgers, Sherman. Turnbull, Nutzman and Gendler abstained. (Motion carried.)

Presentation: Juvenile Justice Web based information system – Hank Robinson

The State of Nebraska will host, through a server at the Nebraska Crime Commission, the Diversion mainframe. This web based system will house all diversion data to be accessed throughout the state. This process will be presented to users July 22, 2009. This training will be held at the University of Nebraska Kearney for all Diversion coordinators statewide to attend.

Through this program, diversion reports can now be automated for reporting activities, demographics, discharge dates, etc. This will not only link the statewide diversion programs together by allowing information to be readily available and shared, but it will also be maintained in one place, NCC, so individual diversion programs will not be worried with upkeep or maintenance.

Crime Commission Report

Mullison reported on Membership stating she is working on updating the membership with the Governor's office to look at replacing those individuals who have not been able to fulfill their duties by attending quarterly meetings on a regular basis with new appointees. Nicole Brundo Goaley, Deputy County Attorney with the Juvenile Division for Douglas County Attorney's Office and Roger Wess, Dawes County Commissioner in Chadron are two additional new members that are awaiting appointment and will be joining us for the September NCJJ meeting. Mullison reported there are currently youth vacancies and a youth volunteer chair opening.

Kirkpatrick reported that Monica Miles-Steffens has accepted employment with the Nebraska Crime Commission and will be serving as the American Recovery Reinvestment Act, Federal Aid Administrator III. Miles-Steffens will be the primary contact for ARRA Funds that will be received through the Crime Commission. Miles-Steffens will also be serving as the supervisor for all funds received for Juvenile Justice.

Funding Recommendations from the Crime Commission on County Aid and County Aid Enhancement updates were reported by Rivera stating that the Crime Commission

awarded all recommendations made by NCJJ as well as awarded an additional \$38,935.00 in Enhancement funds based off NCC staff recommendations.

Funding Recommendations from the Crime Commission on Title II and Juvenile Services updates were reported by Mullison stating that the Crime Commission awarded all recommendations made by NCJJ as well as awarding an additional \$52,508.00 in Juvenile Services funds based off NCC staff recommendation to fund a Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) in Nebraska.

Benjamin reported on the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference. Benjamin reported that no NCJJ members were able to attend but she is planning on attending the Fall Coalition for Juvenile Justice conference in Austin, Texas.

Benjamin reported on the FACJJ Report stating that she updated and submitted Nebraska's Annual Request for Information (ARI).

Juvenile Justice Specialist Update was reported by Mullison. Mullison attended the Restorative Justice Conference in Omaha, Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS) Conference, Law Enforcement Coordinating Conference, and the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference. Mullison also stated that she is currently looking into using web services such as Twitter, MySpace, etc. to promote the NCJJ. Mullison will be conducting Program Monitors during the summer months.

Rivera reported on Compliance Monitor Updates, stating that while attending Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System Conference, Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference and Jail Standards Conference, and the Law Enforcement Coordination Conference materials were distributed to inform individuals of Compliance Monitoring OJJDP requirements. Rivera reported that she will bring a copy of those materials to the September NCJJ meeting so that members will have an opportunity to view the materials they so graciously helped to fund.

Rivera reported that she also attended the Law Enforcement Coordinating Conference along with, Laurie Elliot, an OJJDP representative, here to offer her technical assistance on compliance monitoring. The Technical Assistant (TA) from OJJDP was a speaker the last day of the conference. In addition to attending the conference, the TA spent time one-on-one with Rivera preparing for the upcoming OJJDP audit, August 24-28, by reviewing Policy & Procedures, Nebraska Statutes vs. OJJDP Statutes, and, monitored the Lancaster County Detention Center and Buffalo County Jail. The TA stated that Nebraska is doing well, however, Nebraska's policy and procedure manual is not as updated as it needs to be, Rivera is currently working on updating this manual. In addition, Rivera and the TA went over the upcoming Reauthorization Bill with OJJDP in preparation for the likelihood of section on the Valid Court Order (VCO) to be passed which will result in Valid Court Orders being removed as an option to be used when detaining status offenders securely in a juvenile detention center. Rivera reports this could cause great difficulty for Nebraska as Nebraska does allow for VCO's and it may be difficult to educate Counties on the new process of not being able to continue this practice. In addition, if the section on Jail Removal passes, any juvenile with a felony

adult charge will need to be sight and sound separated until they are convicted with an adult felony. At this point in time they can be held without being sight and sound separated. This could be a challenge for many of our rural community jails as they do not have the capacity to hold juveniles with sight and sound separated. Rivera extended an invitation to any NCJJ member who is able to attend to be present at the OJJDP audit's intro and exit interviews, August 24-28, so that members can speak on behalf of the Coalition to the OJJDP individuals conducting the audit. Rivera reported that Cherry County deobligated County Aid Funds; she is currently working with Dave Stolz to retrieve those funds and help prevent this from reoccurring in the future.

The NJJA Conference was held May 6-8, 2009 and was attended by Johns, Vaughn, Benne, Rodgers, Gendler, and Glidden. Members in attendance stated one day of the conference was on DMC and the speakers were truly great. Several members reported sending staff from their places of work and reporting that they hope to send more next year. A concern was voiced by members of the lack of policy makers who were not in attendance and stated hopes that more policy makers will be in attendance next year. Steel did report that approximately 400 letters were sent out to Senators, County Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, County Commissioners, etc. that their attendance was welcomed and free of charge.

Expense Report Form submission instructions reminders were given by Stephens. Stephens reported any expenditure over \$5.00 must be accompanied with an itemized receipt. All Expense Report Forms must be submitted within 30 days of the time the expense was incurred. The revised forms are now pink; members were told to discard the outdated yellow forms.

Sub-Committee Reports

Executive Sub-Committee: Benjamin reported that the Executive Committee meet via conference call May 15, 2009 and discussed membership updates. Benjamin appointed Vaughn as the Co-Chair the Grant Review Committee. A volunteer is still being sought to Chair or Co-Chair the Youth Sub-committee.

DMC Sub-Committee: Johns reported the DMC committee held a meeting on June 5, 2009 and discussed the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). JDAI is to help prevent juveniles from being detained when detention is not an appropriate placement. Data numbers were discussed and Johns shared that informational materials have been distributed to Courts throughout Nebraska.

Legislative Updates

Mullison informed members of LB 63 and LB 533. LB 63 is establishment of the Office of Violence Prevention, which has been placed under the Nebraska Crime Commission and will be overseen by Kirkpatrick and Behm in the interim of the Governor appointing an Executive Director. Activity deadlines have been set and Kirkpatrick is working to ensure all details are in order to build the ground work for this office. LB 533 changes provisions relating to expense reimbursement, which relates to the updated Expense

Report Form that was previously referred to by Stephens. Both bills included an Emergency Clause; as such, they become law as soon as the Governor has signed them.

Approval of Membership Dues payment to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice for \$5,000 from Advisory Funds

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Vaughn to approve \$5,000.00 to pay Membership Dues to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice with Advisory Funds. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn, Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Benne, Behm, Blakely, O'Dea, Rodgers, Sherman, Nutzman. Turnbull, and Gendler abstained. (Motion carried.)

Approval of Title V applications for funding

Mullison reported that there was a twelve member Grant Review Committee that completed Summary Comment Sheets and returned them to Mullison. Due to the low number of applicants, the Grant Review Committee did not feel it was financially responsible to meet in person regarding these applications. Summary Comment sheets were presented to all NCJJ members for review. A total of \$43,360.00 was awarded to Nebraska for Title V funds.

Motion

A motion was made by Vaughn and seconded by Rodgers to approve the recommendations made by the grant review team to fund each applicant at the requested amount and to award an additional \$6,680.00 to each applicant provided they meet two additional contingencies. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn, Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Benne, Behm, Blakely, O'Dea, Rodgers, Sherman, Nutzman, Turnbull, Gendler. (Motion carried.)

Approval of JABG applications for funding

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Vaughn to approve funding the JABG Applicants as recommended by the Grant Review Committee and to include the additional \$12,049.00 that was earmarked for grant #09-JA-603 as recommended by the Crime Commission staff due to miscommunication on the Crime Commissions behalf as to the amount of funds available for 09-JA-603. The application will be required to meet two additional contingencies related to the awarding of additional funds. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn, Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Benne, Behm, Blakely,

O'Dea, Rodgers, Sherman, Nutzman (abstained 09-JA-603), Turnbull, Gendler (abstained 09-JA-600). (Motion carried.)

Approval of Title II – Tribal grant for funding

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by Rodgers to approve funding, \$2,823.00, as recommended by the Grant Review Staff. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn, Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Benne, Behm, Blakely, O'Dea, Rodgers, Sherman, Nutzman, Turnbull, Gendler. (Motion Carried.)

Approval of NCJJ Funding Request – Search Institute Training

Julie Rogers, UNO Juvenile Justice Institute, County Planner for the Nebraska Crime Commission, reported she provides technical assistance to Counties throughout the state to develop their County Plans, which are required in order for Counties to apply for State monies. County Plans are based on the Juvenile Justice Systems Point Analysis tool. Rogers has been working with Rivera to revamp the County Planning process. Rogers reported to be successful with assisting Counties in developing their County Plans, more training is needed. Rogers is requesting funds to attend the 2009 Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Conference, Successful Practices: Surviving to Thriving, where the 40 Developmental Assets will be highlighted.

Motion

A motion was made by Menzel and seconded by O'Dea to approve funding, \$1,629.00, as requested by Rogers for the training. Voting in favor of motion: Vaughn, Stukenholtz, Cole-Mossman, Sherman, Glidden, Johns, McBride, Menzel, Nutzman, Turnbull, Rodgers, O'Dea, Blakely, Benne, Behm, Gendler. (Motion carried.)

New Business:

Jeff Cole with the Nebraska Children and Families will be attending the September NCJJ meeting to share a presentation with the Coalition.

Benne offered to open his facilities at the Madison County Detention Center for the upcoming September NCJJ meeting. The Coalition accepted the invitation.

Future Agenda Items:

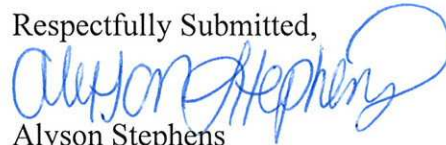
None at this time.

Public Comment:

None in attendance.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alyson Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Alyson Stephens
Staff Assistant