

Nebraska Children's Commission – Psychotropic Medications Committee

Fifth Meeting
June 4, 2015
2:00PM-4:00PM
Child Advocacy Center
Nebraska Foster & Adoptive Parent Association
2431 Fairfield Street, Suite C
Lincoln, NE 68521

Call to Order

Candy Kennedy Goergen called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and noted that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the room as required by state law.

Roll Call

Subcommittee Members present: Beth Baxter, Dr. Janine Fromm, Alyson Goedken, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Norman Langemach, Carla Lasley, Gary Rihaneck, and Gregg Wright.

Acting as a resource to the committee: Julie Rogers.

Subcommittee Member(s) absent: Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber.

Also attending: Bethany Allen, Lisa Casulo, Hailey Kimball, Felicia Nelsen, and Andrea Rodriguez.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Beth Baxter to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Janine Fromm. Voting Yes: Beth Baxter, Dr. Janine Fromm, Alyson Goedken, Candy Kennedy Goergen, Norman Langemach, Gary Rihaneck, and Gregg Wright. Voting No: none. None Abstained. Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Carla Lasley, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber were absent. Motion Carried.

Approval of April 29, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Janine Fromm to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2012 meeting, seconded by Candy Kennedy Goergen. Voting Yes: Dr. Janine Fromm and Candy Kennedy-Goergen. Voting no: none. Beth Baxter, Alyson Goedken, Norman Langemach, Gary Rihaneck, and Gregg Wright abstained. Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Carla Lasley, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber were absent. Motion Carried.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Candy Kennedy-Goergen welcomed the members to the meeting and asked that the attendees introduce themselves. The attendees provided introductions.

Chair's Report

Chair Candy Kennedy-Goergen noted that past chair Jen Nelson was no longer with the Committee, and that she has spoken with many people who are interested in the Committee.

Committee Membership Discussion

Chair Candy Kennedy Goergen led a discussion of the committee membership, and noted that there were some openings. The group discussed the representation that was necessary for the Committee.

Beth Baxter made a motion to reserve a membership slot for a youth or a person with lived experience in the child welfare experience. Dr. Janine Fromm seconded the motion. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Dr. Janine Fromm, Alyson Goedken, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Norman Langemach, Carla Lasley, Gary Rihanek, and Gregg Wright. Voting no: None. None abstained. Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber were absent.

Gregg Wright made a motion to reserve a membership slot for a person representing foster care. Dr. Janine Fromm seconded the motion. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Dr. Janine Fromm, Alyson Goedken, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Norman Langemach, Carla Lasley, Gary Rihanek, and Gregg Wright. Voting no: None. None abstained. Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber were absent.

Gregg Wright made a motion that the committee asks the Nebraska Children's Commission to put the state medical director on the Committee when the position is filled. Dr. Janine Fromm seconded the motion. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Dr. Janine Fromm, Alyson Goedken, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Norman Langemach, Carla Lasley, Gary Rihanek, and Gregg Wright. Voting no: None. None abstained. Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber were absent.

Beth Baxter made a motion for a nominating committee to be created and present its recommendations to the Nebraska Children's Committee. The nominating committee will be made up of Julie Rogers, Dr. Janine Fromm, Norman Langemach, and Candy Kennedy-Goergen. The motion was seconded by Dr. Janine Fromm. Voting yes: Beth Baxter, Dr. Janine Fromm, Alyson Goedken, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Norman Langemach, Carla Lasley, Gary Rihanek, and Gregg Wright. Voting no: None. None abstained. Dr. Beth Ann Brooks, Kim Hawekotte, Kayla Pope, Mandy Sabata, and Kristi Weber were absent.

Review Committee Goals and Purpose and Action Item

Chair Candy Kennedy-Goergen led the group in a discussion of the committee's goals and purpose. The group discussed many issues, including the need for foster parents to be educated and informed when their foster children receive prescriptions for psychotropic medications. Another issue is access when a foster parent receives a child who needs a psychotropic medication and encounters barriers when filling the prescription.

CFS Update and Action Item

Alyson Goedken provided an update from DHHS-CFS. She noted that there was a health care oversight committee that meets to provide health care oversight and create a strategic plan. She noted the importance of viewing children and behaviors through a trauma lens. Additionally, CFS has contracted with Dr. Beth Ann Brooks for psychiatric consultation. She noted that NFOCUS has been updated to allow access for better information on children's medications. Candy requested that Alyson provide the Committee with a written report aligned with the recommendations of the Psychotropic Medications Committee. Beth Baxter asked for information on ways that the Psychotropic Medications Committee can help CFS.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Next Meeting Date

TBA.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Candy Kennedy Goergen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gregg Wright. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.