

**Lincoln, Nebraska  
June 3, 2005**

**JUSTICE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TEAM  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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The Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Friday, June 3, 2005, in the Lower Level Conference Room F, of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Present:

John Atherton  
Janet Bancroft  
Jerome Barry  
Ellen Brokofsky  
John Dacey  
Roxie Cillessen  
Linda Krutz  
Jim McKenzie  
Deb Minardi  
Julie Okray  
T. Hank Robinson  
Julie Rogers  
Kathy Seacrest, Chair  
Dan Ullman

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Kathy Seacrest, Chair, called the meeting to order. Attendance is indicated above. Dan Ullman, a psychologist on the licensing board for psychologists, sat in on the meeting for the psychologists who were absent. Each person present introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about his or her involvement.

Linda Krutz gave an update on legislation. LB 539 was discussed. Funding for substance abuse treatment of felony offenders in the amount of \$2.5 million over 2 years was included in the mainline budget bill. LB 538, the bill introduced on behalf of the Council, was also discussed. LB 538 provides for the addition of a residential treatment

component added to the Work Ethic Camp in McCook. Ellen Brokofsky mentioned that Probation only received funding for 13 of the 26 new probation officers they requested for the next fiscal year.

## **PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL (COUNCIL) – UPDATE**

At the May 13th Community Corrections Council meeting, Ellen Brokofsky provided Council members with a handout and gave an update regarding the progress JSAT and its sub-committees have made.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **DATA**

Ellen Brokofsky provided a handout with detailed agenda information from the May 27th Data Sub-Committee meeting, as well as meeting minutes from the April 13th meeting. The Data Sub-Committee has been working on coordinating data sharing between justice agencies and treatment providers. A plan is being created to implement the sharing of information as well as the approval of providers. This sub-committee is concentrating on how to capture information and formalize communication.

Future agenda items include the identification of who has access to what information and the creation of a website. The next Data Sub-Committee meeting will be Wednesday June 29th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Crime Commission's Conference Room.

### **CURRICULUM**

Janet Bancroft explained that a Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting has not been called to date due to the various phases of Standardized Model implementation. It was noted that different agencies are at different stages in implementing the Standardized Model with some still discussing the merits of the Standardized Model. With different agencies in these different stages of implementation, there is the question of who is going to approve the curriculum. At the present time, each agency will approve its own curriculum. Because the Supreme Court is the first to implement the Standardized Model, they will become the "lead" agency on curriculum. Prerequisites as they relate to curriculum and Continuing Education Units (CEU's) were discussed.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Hank Robinson provided a handout and gave an update on the progress the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee has made. This sub-committee identified two main areas JSAT might organize their attention and resources on. First is implementation issues including Probation's formalization of the Standardized Model, creation of central provider registry, data system implementation, and funding for a coordinator/facilitator position. Second, treatment capacity issues should be addressed. A new list of crucial steps is being prepared for moving forward.

## **CREATION OF PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was decided that a Provider Sub-Committee will be formed to look at standards of best practices for providers for working with offenders. Jerome Barry and John Dacey will initially co-chair the sub-committee and report back at the next meeting regarding membership. Members may include, but not be limited to, treatment providers, representatives from regions across the state, a drug court representative, a person representing Medicaid, and a criminal justice representative.

## **SUPREME COURT'S STANDARDIZED MODEL COURT RULE PROCESS - UPDATE**

Janet Bancroft gave an update on the Supreme Court's Standardized Model Court Rule. The Supreme Court is in the process of implementing the Standardized Model. The details of the curriculum continue to be worked on.

## **NEWSLETTER**

A draft of the JSAT newsletter was reviewed and changes will be made. Kathy Seacrest will redistribute the draft among JSAT members via e-mail and changes are to be made and e-mailed back to Kathy. The newsletter will be distributed to HHS, Probation, substance abuse providers, Licensed Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselor's (LADC's), and all other interested boards.

## **“ACCESS TO RECOVERY” FEDERAL GRANT**

JSAT members were provided with a handout describing the Access to Recovery Federal Grant. The state has not yet received notification of the announcement for FY06 grant application to date.

## **PASSING OF THE TORCH - NEW CHAIR NOMINATED AND DESIGNATED**

It was decided by consensus that a new chair will be elected at the August meeting. A nominating committee consisting of the 3 acting sub-committee chairs, Ellen Brokofsky, Hank Robinson, and Janet Bancroft, will provide a nomination for the next chair at the August JSAT meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- ASAM criteria
- Medicaid waiver
- Data, Curriculum and Strategic Planning Sub-Committee reports
- Provider Sub-Committee membership report
- Treatment piece
- Update on implementation of Legislation
- Supreme Court Standardized Model Court Rule Process update, and
- Clarification and criteria for membership.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Friday, August 26, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lower Level of the State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie A. Okray