

**Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 6, 2006**

**JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (Committee), formerly Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the Bryan LGH Conference Room A, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

**Present:**

John Atherton  
Jerome Barry, Co-Chair  
Shannon Black  
Scott Carlson  
Jennifer Doné  
Cathy Gibson-Beltz  
Raleigh Haas  
Julie Hippen  
Linda Krutz  
Deb Minardi  
Mike Overton  
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair  
Christine Salvatore  
Kathy Seacrest  
Linda Wittmuss

**Others present:**

Tony Ahrendt  
Rick Thomas

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve Rowoldt and Jerome Barry, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order. Attendance is indicated above. Each person present introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about his or her involvement.

Steve Rowoldt announced that the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kathy Seacrest moved for approval of the June 28, 2006, minutes. Linda Wittmuss seconded the motion and with none opposed, the minutes stood approved as presented.

## **2007 MEETING DATES & LOCATION**

The 2007 Committee meeting dates were confirmed. They are:

March 14  
June 13  
September 12  
December 12

Beginning March 14, 2007, Committee meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jerome Barry, Co-Chair, and Jennifer Doné, Community Corrections Council staff, will make room reservations for the 2007 meetings and forward the information to the Committee.

## **REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF DRAFT GUIDELINES**

A draft of the Committee Guidelines was distributed. There was discussion on the Representation, Vacancies, Quorum, and Attendance Requirements. The updated Draft Guidelines will be presented for approval at the next Committee meeting. Membership vacancies will also be addressed.

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT**

Linda Krutz gave the Community Corrections Council Report. At the last meeting, the Council voted to approve Sentencing Guidelines for Felony Drug Offenses and move them forward to the Supreme Court for adoption by court rule.

A survey of the District Court Judges was conducted and a preliminary report will be presented at the next Council meeting. Also, Hank Robinson will be presenting the UNO Recidivism Reduction Center Final Report at the December 15 Council meeting.

## **PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

Deb Minardi gave the Probation Administration Update. Probation continues to work on the expansion of the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program target offender population. To date, there are 460 registered providers for the program.

Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS) officers have started doing SSAS screenings before offenders meet with the Parole Board. This allows the Parole Board to include SSAS in their parole conditions so that eligible offenders can start the SSAS program immediately upon release.

## **COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

The minutes and agendas for Committee and Council meetings are available on the Crime Commission's website: [www.ncc.ne.gov](http://www.ncc.ne.gov). The website will be included in future public meeting notices.

## **ASAM UPDATE**

Linda Wittmuss stated that HHS has established ASAM peer review criteria and is working on training for providers.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Draft charge statements for the Curriculum and Data Subcommittees were distributed. Two possible draft charge statements were presented for the Provider subcommittee. A charge statement for the Strategic Planning Subcommittee will be written after the other subcommittee charge statements are finalized.

There was discussion about the charge statement for the Provider subcommittee. Jerome Barry, Co-Chair, will make the suggested changes to the Curriculum and Provider subcommittee charge statements and redistribute at the next Committee meeting.

Kathy Seacrest made a motion to approve the first draft of the Provider Subcommittee charge statement. Deb Minardi seconded the motion, but the motion was tabled until the next meeting due to Committee Guidelines not being finalized and approved yet.

The vacancies of the Curriculum and Provider subcommittee chair positions will be discussed after other Committee membership vacancies are addressed.

#### **PROVIDER FOLLOW-UP SURVEY**

The draft survey to reevaluate provider processes after the adoption of the Standardized Model was discussed. This survey will give providers the opportunity to suggest changes to the Standardized Reporting Format. It was suggested to add demographics, number of clients served, number of clients with dual diagnosis, and provider license information to the survey. Jerome Barry, Co-Chair, will make the suggested changes and redistribute the draft survey at the next Committee meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee was given a handout of materials related to criminal justice and substance abuse from a methamphetamine conference attended by Council member Bob Lindemeier. The handout will be discussed at the December Council meeting.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m., at the Bryan LGH West Conference room C in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer K. Doné