

**Lincoln, Nebraska
December 8, 2010**

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

The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, December 8, 2010, in room LLB, at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Members Present:

Carol Coussons de Reyes
Kathleen Grant
Troy Greve
Lori Griggs
Anne Hansen
Jim Harvey
Joan Huss
Linda Krutz
Dallas Massey
Mike Overton
Bruce Prenda
Mike Reddish
T. Hank Robinson
Brenda Rohren
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair
Julie Scott
Kathy Seacrest
Richard Thomas
Mike Tolley
Barry Walker
Mark Weilage
Linda Wittmuss, Co-Chair

Members Absent:

Bonnie Brown
Scott Carlson
Dave Carver
Eleanor Devlin
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt
Thomas Glenn
Scott Helvie
Dennis McChargue
Deb Minardi
Travis Parker
Frank Peak
Dave Wegner

Council Staff Present:

Tia Bachman
Jeff Beaty

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Wittmuss, Associate Regional Administrator, Region V Services, and Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and announced the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Attendance is indicated above. Each member introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about their association with JBHC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the September 8, 2010 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Kathy Seacrest and seconded by Julie Scott to approve the September 8, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Wittmuss discussed the attendance record of all current members and reviewed the options for those members who have been absent more than twice in the past calendar year.

The following members will be contacted to see if there is still interest in serving on the committee: Council staff will contact Vickie Frizzell-Pratt, Thomas Glen, Travis Parker, and Frank Peak; Jim Harvey, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), will contact Carol Coussons de Reyes; Steve Rowoldt, Deputy Probation Administrator in Charge of Field Services, and Co-Chair, will contact Dave Wegner.

Nominations for the consumer position will be sent to Tia Bachman, Council, in preparation for the March 9, 2011 JBHC meeting.

JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE

Mike Reddish, Office of Juvenile Services (OJS), said the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) – Kearney, and YRTC – Geneva are seeking accreditation from the American Correctional Association (ACA) and will be audited in the fall of 2011. OJS is currently working with the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) to conduct internal audits of both facilities.

OJS is using performance based standards (PBS) at Kearney and Geneva to maintain a safe and secure facility. Youth are receiving a mental and medical health screening within one hour of entering the facility. The average score of PBS can be compared to 200 other facilities in the United States. There are four levels and currently Kearney and Geneva are at level two.

Barry Walker arrived at 9:23 a.m.

CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Wittmuss gave an update on the Curriculum Sub-committee and discussed the charge statement of the sub-committee and the Performance Rubrics for Addiction and Criminal Justice Professionals (Rubrics).

T. Hank Robinson arrived at 9:40 a.m.

The Rubrics will be discussed at the January Provider Sub-committee meeting and feedback given to Wittmuss. Mark Weilage, Ph.D., Assistant Behavioral Health Administrator for Mental Health, DCS, will divide the Rubrics into Criminal Justice Personnel and Addictions Professionals sections. A cover page will be created for each.

Rowoldt will present a draft of the Rubrics at the February 18, 2011 Council meeting for feedback. A list of pros and cons will be developed and presented with a finalized version of the Rubrics at the March 9, 2011 JBHC meeting.

DATA SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

T. Hank Robinson, Juvenile Justice Institute, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha, said the Data Sub-committee has not met since the last JBHC meeting. A meeting will be held prior to March 9, 2011 JBHC meeting.

PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Joan Huss, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), gave the Provider Sub-committee Report. Current Sub-committee membership and minutes from the September 9 and October 7, 2010 meetings are included in the packet.

Huss nominated Brenda Rohren, M.A. MFS, Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP), LADC, as co-chair of the Provider Sub-committee.

A motion was made by Kathy Seacrest and seconded by Barry Walker to approve Brenda Rohren as co-chair of the Provider Sub-committee. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Carol Coussons de Reyes arrived at 10:12 a.m.

A 10 minute break was called by Wittmuss.
Committee reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

SEX OFFENDER UPDATE

Rowoldt said DCS, DHHS, Administrative Office of Probation, and Administrative Office of Parole, continue to meet concerning sex offender management

throughout the state. At the previous meeting, the group discussed presentence investigations and the inability to share information.

Weilage will send the 2001 and 2006 reports from the Sex Offender Task Force to Bachman for distribution to committee members. Anne Hansen, Deputy Parole Administrator, will provide charts and maps from a meeting with Shannon Black, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Lincoln Regional Center. Rowoldt will ask Dr Black to conduct a 30 minute demonstration at the March 9, 2011 JBHC meeting.

Mike Tolley and Mark Weilage left at 11:00 a.m.

PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Julie Scott, Justice Treatment Systems Specialist, Probation Administration, gave an update on Probation Administration. Probation Administration recently received a mental health grant that would fund co-occurring and mental health evaluations.

Lori Griggs, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, gave an update on the Juvenile Delivery Service Project and the positive effect the program has had on the juveniles and their families.

Kathleen Grant left at 11:19 a.m.

PAROLE ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Hansen discussed doubling the parole population over the next two years. Parole has selected the first group of offenders to be paroled by February 2011 with the majority of the new parole population increasing through July 2011. More vouchers will be needed to fund substance abuse treatment for parolees. The office communicator, a computer video-conferencing system, will allow parole staff to communicate with parolees in remote areas.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT

Linda Krutz, Executive Director, Council, gave an update on the activities of the Council since the November 5, 2010 Council meeting. A copy of the minutes is located on the Council website. The next Council meeting will be held at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences on February 18, 2011.

Jeff Beaty, Council, described the Council's Planning Sub-committee Recommendations for Reporting Center Expansion which includes seven new Reporting Centers. The plan was delivered to the Sentencing and Recidivism Task Force of the Legislature on December 1, 2010. A copy of the expansion plan is located on the Council website.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m., at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, at 11:20 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tia M. Bachman