

**Child & Youth Services Committee Meeting**  
**Douglas County, Nebraska**  
Tuesday, November 27, 2018

The meeting convened at 9:30 A.M. in Room 903, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the November 20, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Chris Rodgers, Clare Duda, Mary Ann Borgeson, and Marc Kraft. Others present included Patrick Bloomingdale, Diane Carlson, Catherine Hall, and Carrie Davis, Administration; Brad Alexander, Mark LeFlore, and Randy Woodard, Youth Center; Shawne Coonfare, Juvenile Assessment Center; Janee Pannkuk, Operation Youth Success; Chris Burbach, Omaha World Herald; and Kim Bollow, Clerk/Comptroller's office. Commissioner Rodgers chairs the committee.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Douglas County Website:  
<http://commissioners.douglascounty-ne.gov/board-meetings/videos>.

*Time markers for when each topic/item occurs during the video are in parentheses.*

**Introduction** (0:00 to 1:00) Commissioner Rodgers relayed this is the November and December meeting for Child & Youth Services, then led introductions around the room.

1. **Department Updates** (1:00 to 30:00)

- **Douglas County Youth Center**

Brad Alexander: gave updates on admissions, different programs, staff, youth tracking techniques, and multiple other measurements/statistics. See Attachment A for reference, "Child And Youth Services Report." This was not available as a handout during the meeting but Mr. Alexander provided to the Clerk/Comptroller's office afterwards.

Commissioner Rodgers: inquired on the need for an updated tracking system; requested a daily report. He referred to a meeting with the Superintendent of Omaha Public Schools and questioned if she should look into the Information Management System (IMS).

Mr. Alexander & Randy Woodard: explained the Offender Management System (OMS) and the Information Management System (IMS). Agreed it would be beneficial for the OPS Superintendent to look into the IMS.

Mark LeFlore: reviewed different information systems and possible better alternatives; expanded on the Youth Center statistics, probation violations and other challenges of the Douglas County Youth Center.

- **Juvenile Assessment Center**

Shawne Coonfare: informed that phase one of a two-year evaluation process is complete, she reviewed the purpose and goals of the evaluation process, and she expects a presentation for the Board in January. Ms. Coonfare relayed the Juvenile Assessment Center is also participating in research projects

with the Juvenile Justice Institute and she is hopeful for a January presentation to the Board once they've compiled their findings. She briefly reviewed staffing.

Commissioner Duda and Patrick Bloomingdale added questions and thoughts on staffing.

- ***Douglas County Health Department***

This agenda item was not discussed.

- ***Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)***

This agenda item was not discussed.

- ***Operation Youth Success (OYS)***

Janee Pannkuk: reminded all of the public meeting this Thursday for Community Based Aid. She gave an update on the Crime Commission and the Juvenile Justice Community Comprehensive Plan; then an update on the LGBTQ Capstone Group, its focus subjects and data collection. Ms. Pannkuk reviewed the Juvenile Justice Council, the inspiring high level of focus by those youth participating, and the Council's next steps. Her goal is to start another similar council but with older participants (including parents of those same youth). She answered questions about the Juvenile Justice Youth Council meeting locations, incentives, and mission statement.

2. ***Other Business*** (at 30:00)  
None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

(The following handout was not discussed but Brad Alexander requested it be emailed to meeting participants & also posted on our website: see Attachment B "Bookfair.")