

**Child & Youth Services Committee Meeting**  
**Douglas County, Nebraska**  
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

The meeting convened at 1:00 P.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 July 31, 2018, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Chris Rodgers, Clare Duda, Jim Cavanaugh, P.J. Morgan, and Mike Boyle. Others present included Mark LeFlore, Douglas County Youth Center; Pam Murphy, A'Jamal Byndon, Catherine Hall and Patrick Bloomingdale, Douglas County Administration; Janee Pannkuk, Operation Youth Success; Stewart Giddings, You Turn; Ashley Farrens and Dr. Charity Evans, Nebraska Medicine; Jerrad Alexander, Norma LeClere, John Leclerc, Tyler Wilson; Kim Bollow, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller's Office; and Dan Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller. Douglas County Commissioner Rodgers chaired 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 led introductions around the room.

**1. Department Updates** (1:00 to 54:00)

Mark LeFlore, **Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC)**: summarized past presentations to county board; introduced the You Turn organization and the Dusk to Dawn organization as programs to help youth/gang population. Mr. LeFlore passed out the Douglas Youth Center Annual Stats 2018 (Attachment A). He then addressed questions by Commissioner Rodgers regarding timing of youth who are served by Dusk to Dawn.

Dr. Charity Evans and Ashley Farrens, Nebraska Medicine: provided overview and goals of Dusk to Dawn program, then introduced video. (All viewed the video at this time.) They presented a PowerPoint, provided an overview of Dusk to Dawn including goals, community partners, steps during the program, statistics of past participants. Mr. LeFlore added his views on the programs, the youth involved, staff planning, and addressed questions from Commissioner Rodgers. Dusk to Dawn brochures were provided (Attachment B).

Stewart Giddings, You Turn: reviewed curriculum in the Dusk to Dawn program, violence prevention goals, communication, management of actions, and identifiers.

Tyler Wilson, citizen: added comments and questions about corrections' facilities; provided thoughts to previous speakers, on additional uses for their programs. Commissioner Rodgers, Ms. Farrens, Mr. LeFlore and Mr. Giddings added comments/answers.

Commissioner Cavanaugh: reviewed DCYC admissions numbers on provided report; questioned curriculums and days' stay for Juvenile or Adult court youth. Mr. LeFlore provided more insight.

Commissioner Rodgers inquired about the treatment team; Mr. LeFlore added information and answers, along with some information on Attachment A. They discussed capacities and timing.

Larry Storer, citizen: asked questions regarding ages of youth, state constitution, legal rights. Mr. LeFlore, Commissioner Rodgers, and Commissioner Duda provided insight. Tyler Wilson added information on state-level corrections.

Commissioner Rodgers reviewed **Juvenile Assessment Center**, handed out report 'JAC info for Child and Youth Services Committee 8.7.18 (Attachment C), and addressed staff constraints; expecting additional data (zip code, race). This handout included an update on the **Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)**.

Commissioner Rodgers provided short update on **Douglas County Health Department**.

Janee Pannkuk: provided update on Operation Youth Success (OYS) strategic planning committee, staff changes. Ms. Pannkuk clarified what types of organizations and activities OYS partakes and supports.

Larry Storer: offered concerns about other organizations, data, joint projects, studies, learning-community, tax dollars, and hiring people/services outside of Nebraska. Commissioner Rodgers offered explanations on some of the citizen's concerns.

## 2. **Other Business** (54:30 to 1:10:00)

Commissioner Rodgers provided update on task force for LB1112.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. LeFlore had questions and concerns regarding youth safety, classifications, and funding which Commissioner Rodgers, Commissioner Cavanaugh and Patrick Bloomingdale addressed. Commissioner Cavanaugh added concerns regarding long-term mental health access, or shortage of resources in general for Douglas County.

Norma LeClerc, citizen: relayed concerns about some facilities with extra beds, while there is a need for long-term mental health beds; suggested to refurbish some buildings. Mr. Bloomingdale and Commissioner Rodgers offered explanations for this concern including budget and safety issues.

Mr. Wilson questioned DCYC capacity and requested data to refurbish a facility. Mr. Bloomingdale answered to types of youth and types of beds. Commissioner Rodgers provided personal thoughts on general costs to refurbish current facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.