

**Child & Youth Services Committee Meeting**  
**Douglas County, Nebraska**  
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

The meeting convened at 1:02 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, 2019, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Chris Rodgers, James Cavanaugh, Clare Duda, and Mike Boyle. Others present included Catherine Hall, Pam Murphy, Diane Carlson and A'Jamal Byndon, Administration; Mark LeFlore and Yosef Seigel, Youth Center; Shawne Johnson Coonfare, Juvenile Assessment Center; Janee Pannkuk, Amber Parker and Karla Dush, Operation Youth Success; Larry Storer, DaLaun Dillard; 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 :44) Commissioner Rodgers called the meeting to order, began introductions around the room.

1. **Brief updates:** (:44 to 33:20)

a. ***Douglas County Youth Center (DCYC)***

Mark Leflore, DCYC: handed out and reviewed Attachment A, "Douglas County Child And Youth Services," including details about parent meetings, parent teacher conferences, career fair, and the Dusk to Dawn program. He handed out and reviewed Attachment B 'Douglas County Mental Health Services Informational Session Agenda,' including an explanation of partnerships with different organizations. Mr. Leflore explained next steps from the recent training 'Reimagining Juvenile Justice.' He explained the leadership team participants and upcoming roll out activities to 'train the trainers.'

Commissioner Rodgers: asked about next steps from the training.

Karla Dush, OYS: explained the plan for 'train the trainer'; helped to explain the leadership team participants.

b. ***Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC)***

Shawn Johnson Coonfare, JAC: provided an update on completed and upcoming studies; relayed staff trauma training. She explained Attachment C, "Juvenile Assessment Center Snapshot," including data from the last two calendar years, reflection of this past quarter and how it compares to last year at this time; also truancy data to note. Ms. Coonfare relayed that a behavior health intervention program has lost funding. She also explained the three week wait between referral and assessment.

Commissioner Rodgers: asked for further explanation of Attachment C including time frame between referral and assessment, major points of entry to the JAC; asked about an upcoming OPS meeting regarding attendance and services; explained what he's seen happen at past OPS meetings; asked for more information on current studies and completion expectations.

Commissioner Cavanaugh: asked about the breakdown of race on Attachment C

**c. *Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)***

Agenda item 1.C was discussed with item 3.

**d. *Operation Youth Success (OYS)***

Jane Pannkuk, OYS: provided an update on upcoming OYS meetings and work groups, Juvenile Justice Leadership Conference, the family council, LGBT capstone group, restorative justice practices group, and the Concord Mediation group.

Commissioner Cavanaugh: asked about Concord Mediation group.

**2. *Job description for new Deputy County* (33:21 to 34:40)**

Commissioner Rodgers: working on a draft letter with the Sherwood Foundation, Sara Wood and Patrick Bloomingdale; job description will be similar to other counties; goal is to solidify the job description in September, put it out nationally and hire by January. He relayed this is part of the Sherwood Foundation \$5 million pledge towards a new justice center and that the position will need to be budgeted next year.

**3. *Other Business and Item 1.C Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)* (34:41 to 40:12)**

Commissioner Rodgers: updated the Committee on new co-chairs at the Case Processor department. He relayed there is a meeting on Thursday regarding a federal grant to start the new DMC position; it will need a quick turnaround to establish what services are needed to resubmit for the grant. He updated on federal approval of an RFP of a comprehensive study, juvenile court bench changes, data collection challenges, upcoming meeting with OPD and Probation; upcoming meetings with JDAI, and OYS.

After the meeting concluded, Mark Leflore distributed Attachment D, "Community Forum."

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 P.M.