

*Nebraska's Children's Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse State Infrastructure Grant (SIG)*

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, January 12, 2006 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Lincoln Room**

**Country Inn & Suites**

**5353 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE**

**Facilitator:** Richard Mettler

**Members Present**

Kathryn Anderson	Beth Baxter	Jerry Easterday
Polly Feis	Brenda Fletcher	Brandon Fletcher
Gary Henrie	Dennis Loose	Michele Marsh
John McVay	Nancy Montanez	Richard Nelson
Chris Petersen	Christine Peterson	Mary Steiner
Peggy Vaughn		

**Staff & Visitors**

Leslie Byers	Denise Bulling	David Cygan
Mark DeKraai	Jonah Deppe	Paula Eurek
Ken Gallagher	Todd Glover	Pat Lopez
John McVay	Betty Medinger	Todd Recking
Kate Speck		

**Meeting Agenda**

**A. Start Up** - Welcome/Introductions, Opening Remarks by Dick Nelson, & Meeting Preview:

- Outlined the agenda for the day.
- How do we put the recommendations together to meet our objectives?
- Need to build infrastructure in a way that builds sustainability.
  - How do we fill the gaps and make use of our resources so that we can be sustainable in the future
  - Need to sift through the subcommittee recommendations to come up with the best plan

**B. Briefing:** Family & Youth Focus Group—Kate Speck

[Children's Services Initiative](#)

**C. Briefing:** Youth Subcommittee—Kate Speck & Leslie Byers

[Youth Subcommittee Recommendations v3](#)

**D. Briefing:** Early Childhood Subcommittee—Denise Bulling, Betty Medinger, & Paula Eurek

[SIG recommendations early childhood 1-10-06](#)

**E. Briefing:** Academic Evaluation Subcommittee—Mark Dekraai & Todd Glover

Please see the following documents

- [Recommendations1-10-06](#)
- [Attachment A SIG EBP](#)
- [Attachment B Nebraska Children's Mental Health Initiatives 1.11.06](#)
- [Attachment C List of Researchers](#)
- [Attachment D State Comparisons for EBP Initiatives 1-6-06](#)

**Lunch Break**

**F. Briefing:** The Evaluation Model—Ken Gallagher

- **Ken will provide this information for each of the subcommittees.**

**G. Desired Outcome #1:** Initial discussion of subcommittee recommendations, and identification of respective next steps:

The discussion focused on the potential for area of overlap between the committees and the types of and amount of resources needed to carry out recommendations. The project management work team will identify themes and identify resources need to carry out the recommendations.

**H. Desired Outcome #2:** Discussion of possible new focus areas

- The group decided to postpone discussion regarding the new focus areas until a later meeting  
[Areas for Future Consideration](#)

**I. Desired Outcome #3:** Agreement on Next Steps for following through on agreements & moving forward with the work, including a preliminary list of Steering Committee meeting topics for February 27

- Topics to consider for the next meeting:
  - Overview of Family Centered Practice Concepts
  - Evaluate recommendations from each committee (Youth, Academic, and Early Childhood), identify common themes, and assign new charges
  - Define “infrastructure”
  - Discussion of new focus areas

**J. Next Meetings:**

**Monday, February 27, 2006 from 9:30 – 3:00**

The meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2006 has been cancelled.

**Date:** February 27, 2006 (**new date**)

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th, Capitol Room

**Parking:** available at site

**Date:** March 16, 2006

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th, Capitol Room

**Parking:** available at site

**Date:** April 20, 2006

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th, Capitol Room

**Parking:** available at site

**K. Action Steps:** The committee would like the sub-committee recommendations organized with common themes and objectives before the next meeting (1 week prior if possible).

**Meeting Adjourned**

These minutes were prepared by the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center staff. The minutes are intended to summarize the meeting, but a transcript of the meeting is also available. Please contact Chris Campbell at [ccampbell2@nebraska.edu](mailto:ccampbell2@nebraska.edu) for a copy of the complete transcript.