

**ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER**

Approved Meeting minutes

Prepared by: Meaghan Marks, Legal Secretary – Survivor and Victim Services Division

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 10, 2025

LOCATION: Family Justice Center – 310 E 300 S SLC, UT 84111
Webex

PRESENT: Asha Parekh, Ryan Woodmansee, Deb Wood, Lt. James Porter, Lt. Brandon Turner, Kelly Colopy, Dr. Tagrid Ruiz-Maldonado, Sindra McBride, Gentry Holbrook, Sierra Chao, Rachel Miller, Lt. Tyler Ackerman, Eric Stott, Senator Dr. Jen Plumb

GUESTS: Leslie Strandgard, Tupakk Renteria, Gabriella Grover, Cameron Jordan

EXOFFICIO: Meaghan Marks

1. Welcome members and guests – Gentry Holbrook
 - A. Gentry Holbrook called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
2. Roll Call – Meaghan Marks
 - A. Roll Call conducted with reading the roll call list, including welcome of guests and nominated board member, Judge Tupakk Renteria.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Motions were made for approval of both the June and October 2024 meeting minutes. No edits were proposed for either and both sets were unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment
 - A. No public in attendance
5. Business Items – Gentry Holbrook
 - A. Judge Jan has departed the board, and Judge Tupakk Renteria's name was submitted to the Nomination Committee for consideration. The Nominating Committee unanimously approved by the committee and submitted him to the full board for consideration. Gentry Holbrook read a brief professional biography of Judge Renteria, with all board members subsequently voting in favor of his nomination.
6. CJC Staff Update – Ryan Woodmansee
 - A. Ryan Woodmansee introduced Emily Duffin, the new CJC Mental Health Specialist. Emily will manage linkage agreements with local mental health providers and provide crisis intervention and therapy support for children as needed. Included in Emily's role will be outreach to mental health providers and facilitating training sessions.
 - B. The CJC Mental Health Specialist position is funded via grant writing conducted by the Friends of the Salt Lake County CJC, with this funding coming from the LDS church.
7. Legislative Update – Gabriella Grover and Cameron Jordan, DA Policy Interns
 - A. Senate Bill 24 has been introduced, addressing child torture and psychological injury. Included in SB 24 is a provision to enact a new criminal statute for Child Torture.
 - B. The proposed elements of SB 24 would require a serious injury inflicted in a cruel or depraved manner causing extreme physical or psychological pain, or a serious injury or multiple serious injuries as part of a course of conduct over a prolonged period of time. Child Torture would be a first-degree felony that comes with a mandatory minimum

imprisonment period of 10 years, with lesser terms of four or seven years to life available in the interest of justice. Further discussions as to the definitions of prolonged period of time are ongoing.

8. Friends Nonprofit Report – Sierra Chao
 - A. Sierra reported on the Friends' Annual Gala held in late 2024, which was hosted at the Adobe headquarters in Lehi. The Riverton High School jazz band played for 125 attendees, and the gala raised significant funds.
 - B. January was a big month of yesses in grant applications, and Sierra provided an overview of over \$100,000 in grants received.
9. CJC Program Updates – Ryan Woodmansee
 - A. Ryan provided an overview of 2024 numbers for the CJC. 1,234 interviews were conducted, with 150 of these being at CJC North, and the CJC Forensic Interviewers conducting approximately 80%. The North number is an increase on the 82 conducted the prior year. 499 follow-up calls were made, connecting families with services. 1,152 referrals were made by the Victim Services Coordinators, and 277 medical exams were completed onsite.
 - B. Caregiver and youth survey responses highlighted the supportive environment at the center
 - C. Asha provided additional insight behind the move of CJC North from the DA's Office to the FJC. There was pushback from MDT members that the location was not inviting, and the magnetometers were a deterrent. When access to the FJC space came up, it made sense to move the CJC to the new location. This move will also allow for further community building. The new location should allow for better direction of traffic from CJC South, and there are plans to direct traffic based upon the needs and the location of the family. There will be an open house for the new location, and all board members are invited to tour the space.
10. Other Business – Gentry Holbrook
 - A. Asha informed the board of the history of the CJC program in the state of Utah, starting with Grethe Peterson who significantly contributed to its founding. Grethe passed in 2024, and included in her obituary was a note regarding funds being directed as a donation to the CJC. Asha would like to find a way to continue to honor Grethe.
 - B. Additional 2025 meeting dates:
May 19
August 11
November 3
11. Motion to Adjourn
 - A. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:40.