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# Welcome

**Salt Lake County Children's Justice Center**

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, February 9, 2026**



# AGENDA – Gentry Holbrook

1. Welcome members and guests
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the minutes
4. Public comment
5. Board Roster updates
6. Friends Nonprofit update
7. CJC staff and program update
8. Friends Nonprofit update
9. Law Enforcement overview
10. Other business





# Roll Call, Minutes, Public Comment

## • Roll Call

- Welcome board members and guests

## • Approval of the minutes

- Proposed edits
- Motion to approve
- Vote

## • Public Comment



# Board Roster Updates

## Departed Members

- Lt. James Porter
- Crystal Painter
- Tracy Mills

## Vote

- Lt. Drew Hadley
- Kerri Jones-Fonnesbeck

**Natalia Peterson with the Guardian ad Litem's office will take the place of Tracy Mills.**



# Friends Nonprofit Updates



## Virtual Gala

- Raised approximately \$18,000 during the virtual gala.

## Year-End Fundraising Campaign

- Raised approximately \$35,000 during the year-end campaign.

## Executive Director & Development Manager Role Updates

- Sierra is reducing her hours to provide only organizational oversight.
- An amazing Development Manager has been hired who is auditing their efforts and helping create a new strategic plan for 2026.

## Donor Wall Event

- Now that Sierra has returned from maternity leave, a small donor wall event will be put together at the new CJC.





# CJC Program Update –

- **2025 Data Report:**
- Total # of Interviews= **1,247**
  - ‘24 (1234), ‘23 (1231), ‘22 (1218)
  - CJC Forensic Interviewers=**993** (80%)
  - MDT FIs=**254**
  
- On-Site Medical Exams= **118**





# 2025 Data Report:

## Victim Advocacy:

- Referrals to other services, supports, and resources: **1152**
    - **125** Direct MH Therapy Referrals
  - Interpreter Services: **174**
  - CVR Application Assistance: **1100**
  - Transportation Assistance: **34**
  - Emergency Financial Assistance: **32**
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# MDT Protocol Joint Response

- NCA Accreditation Standard 3 (F):  
Forensic Interview
  - Cases meeting the CAC case acceptance criteria, as outlined in the MDT protocol, have forensic interviews conducted at the CAC, or through a secure tele-forensic method, a minimum of **75%** of the time.
- MDT Protocol
  - First Contact (pg. 18-19)
  - Interview (pg. 20-27)





# MDT Protocol Joint Response

## Best Practice Standard: Joint Response

Protecting and advocating for child victims is the primary goal of the MDT. National best practice and the MDT model strongly support a **joint response** by DCFS and Law Enforcement for child abuse interviews conducted at the CJC. A joint response:

- Reduces the number of interviews for the child
- Improves coordination and information sharing between agencies
- Enhances child safety, investigative outcomes, and service access

**A Joint response by DCFS and Law Enforcement is the expected standard whenever possible.**



# MDT Protocol Single Agency Response

## Exception – Single-Agency Response:

In limited circumstances, a single-agency interview (DCFS-only or Law Enforcement-only) may be conducted at the CJC as an exception when:

- The case has been cross-reported, **and** communication has occurred between DCFS and Law Enforcement, **and** one agency has confirmed they will not be assigning at that time.

Examples of these circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- Jurisdiction is unknown or unclear
- The initial report does not yet meet criminal assignment criteria
- The report does not meet DCFS acceptance criteria at that time
- **This communication must be documented by the assigned agency.**

# MDT Protocol Single Agency Response

When a single-agency interview is conducted at the CJC:

- The interview will be recorded in accordance with statute
- The CJC will provide a secure download link to the assigned agency
- If the child's disclosure provides information that meets criteria for the other agency to become involved:
  - A referral will be made immediately
  - The interview will be shared
  - The case will transition to a joint investigation whenever possible

**If DCFS or Law Enforcement believes the decision not to assign the other agency is incorrect:**

- The concern should be elevated to supervisors/administration to discuss.
- The CJC Manager will facilitate a supervisor-to-supervisor discussion to help resolve the issue



# MDT Protocol Follow-Up:

- **Scheduling the CJC Interview:**

- ~~Anyone with an investigative role in the case must be present for the interview at the CJC~~ All assigned investigative agencies must be invited and expected to participate in the interview at the CJC and are contacted and informed of the appointment either by CPS, LE or CJC.
- If only one agency is assigned at the time of scheduling, the interview may proceed as a single-agency response in accordance with protocol requirements.

## Scheduling a CJC interview appointment:

- DCFS and LE will coordinate with family to set up CJC interview for the child
- DCFS or LE will call the CJC **(385) 468-4580** to schedule an appointment when all parties agree on the working date and time.
  - **Hours of operation:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM, with late scheduling options available Monday and Thursday
  - The CJC staff can open either CJC location any time **after hours** for emergencies. Please contact the Forensic Interview Manager **@ (385) 285-2660** to discuss needs and one CJC staff may be arranged to respond as soon as possible.
- ~~Requires a **joint response** and attendance by both the DCFS and LE.~~ A joint response is strongly preferred. When only one agency is assigned, the interview may proceed as a single-agency response in accordance with this protocol.

# MDT Protocol Cont...

**WHO:** DCFS, LE, CJC, FI, CFS, VSC

~~DCFS and LE will both attend the interview at the CJC. A CJC FI can be available for consultation or to conduct the interview.~~ DCFS and LE will both attend the interview at the CJC whenever possible.

- DCFS and the LE detective will coordinate a **joint response** to conduct victim interviews:
  - Scheduling the date and time of the CJC interview with the child
  - DCFS and LE will determine the need for a CJC FI prior to scheduling at the CJC
  - Determine who will conduct the interview (LE will wear soft uniform or plain clothes if conducting the interview)
  - Attend and observe the CJC interview session
  - Collaborate CJC staff on case information
  - Participate in Pre and Post parent meetings
  - Ensure the safety of the child victim
- A joint response is the expected standard. However, in limited circumstances, a single-agency interview (DCFS only or LE-only) may occur

# Law Enforcement Overview-Detective Ali Parise, Special Victims Unit-Unified PD





## Other Business-All Members

- Quarterly meetings for 2026
  - February 9
  - May 4
  - August 10
  - November 2



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