

Apr 27, 2026 | 📅 JJOC Full Mtg

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Attendees: Adam Trupp, Aubrey Myers, Daniel Meza Rincon, Karlene Kidman, Mariah Hurst, Matt Johnson, Nate Hutchinson, Officer Jason Rose, William Clayton, Liz Klc, Trina Dickinson, Zerina Ocanovic, James Toledo, Betty Sawyer, David Litvack, Erin Jemison, Martin Munoz, Michelle Sanchez, Chris Yannelli, Carol Cabanillas, Jared Reynolds, President Biesinger, Pam Vickrey, Carolyn Hansen, Alexandria Yrungaray, Judge Steven Beck, Leah Voorhies

Staff: Erica Wood, Van Nguyen, Adrienne Buhler

Notes

- Welcome and Business
 - Approval of 2/6 and 2/20 Minutes: Liz Klc, second: Chief Matt Johnson-approved
- 2026 Legislative Review
 - <https://justice.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-Session-Summary-Report.pdf>
 - JJ Bills page 8-9
 - **HB 188-** On the 3rd offense the discretion is gone and it must be referred to the court. Creates definition for juvenile and school-based recidivism.
 - Jared- The three offenses is easy when all at the same school or LEA over a relatively short period of time. More challenging to work through when three offenses are over multiple LEA and over several years, especially if first offense in elementary
 - Chris- Very tough Jared. SRO and LEA can just default to referral to court if there is a confusion. That would be my recommendation.
 - **HB 48 -** Includes adult and juvenile. Allows a judge to decide whether an individual who committed aggravated murder at age 17 but is sentenced at 18 should be placed in juvenile secure care or the adult system.
 - Pam: Very narrow bill, impact adult offenders and increase in detention hearings. These will be direct file kids. These kids are getting an adult sentence of 25- life. Before they were starting in secure care and moving to adult prison at 25 yo. JJYS could move them before 25

but now they will have to go to a district court. It will be argued in court vs. decided by JJYS. Sentencing will take longer.

- David- Invite stakeholders to see JJYS facilities to clear up misunderstandings and misperceptions. Clarification: Court needs to determine the minor is a security risk to others at the facility. BOPP is a separate process that is after sentencing. They may or may not review the case.
- **RFAs-** SLCo RFA: SLCo did some work to map where the kids live that are committing offenses. IDed 2 hot spot areas, got a federal grant to intervene in Magna and Midvale. Crime in those areas have gone down faster in those areas than in other SLCo areas. Build councils to coordinate resources. Revamped youth courts, mentorship programs, opportunity nights, integrated advocates, etc. Reached out to Weber and Utah Co. as well. Youth violence coordinator in each Co. and do a Co. assessment
 - Chris Y. get involved in Utah Co. working group?
 - David- JJYS was a funding partner for an epidemiologist to use data to ID hotspots through a public health lens. Can Utah and Weber Co. use local health departments to help with this? [Can help make those connections](#)
 - Judge Beck- Use Amber as a resource for new coordinators
 - JJOC will continue to provide updates on all this work during the meetings
 - Pam followed up with email and connected Chris, UT County with Amber
- **SB 167-** Clarifies JJOC has a role to train stakeholders on new JJ legislation, reintegration plan updates and clarity.
 - David- JJYS and DCFS fiscal impact is hard to determine. Kids in community programs will need to staff back up if kids are denied enrollment
 - Trina- also would have to bring in educators if kids are denied enrollment and will impact fiscally
- **HB 465-** didn't pass. Pam- sponsor wanted something to motivate a kid to follow court orders. Order to show cause essentially does the thing they were trying to do. The original intent was to give judges an extra tool.
 - Will convene a working group on this if asked by representatives, however it is an [interim study item](#) so Van will reach out to Jonathan Adams. Add April, Trina Zerina, Pam, Daniel

- Working Group Updates
 - **Mentorship Working Group:** This group is exploring gaps in mentorship before, during, and after JJ system contact. The group is interested in creating a clearinghouse of mentorship providers/resources for system stakeholders. Smaller meeting May 21st 1-2PM for system organizations to discuss logistics of a clearinghouse. Full working group meeting in summer - date TBD.
 - **Communications/Training Working Group:** Sen. McCay's [SB 167](#) includes a provision for JJOC to provide training on changes in legislation that impact the juvenile justice system. We will present at the [May Promising Youth Conference](#) on current and new juvenile justice laws. Rep. Lisonbee's [HB 48](#) also highlighted a potential need for more outreach to our law enforcement/sheriffs partners. reach out if you know of groups that may benefit from a presentation like this or if you are interested in joining
 - **Nonjudicial Working Group:** We will convene this working group to examine the data on NJs and potential areas for improvement. Please see Rep. Peck's [HB 188](#). NJ working group- Doodle Poll sent out
 - **Data/Recidivism Working Group:** Data and research staff from partner agencies will meet to better understand the implementation of changes in recidivism definitions from [HB 48](#) and [HB 188](#). This group will also continue to explore pathways for juvenile justice data integration
 - **TBD: Youth/Peer Courts Working Group:** Rep. Peck's latest sub on [HB 188](#) removes the data collection requirement for youth/peer courts but has expressed interest in examining their effectiveness during the interim. This also relates to Rep. Jason Thompson's interest in potentially creating a new truancy court. Van will reach out to Rep Thompson to see if there is interest.
 - **Geospatial Study Implementation:** Our JJ team has been diligently working with Salt Lake, Weber and Carbon/Emory counties on implementing the study's findings regarding reaching out to neighborhoods with high rates of juvenile court referral, and working with community members to identify opportunities of investments.
 - Erica provided a Geospatial Study Update
 - [Landing Page](#)
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Please reach out to Erica (ericalwood@utah.gov) if you are interested in being involved with this work
- Roundtable

- Public Comment

Action items

- ☐ Send updated list of Working Groups with notes or in notes
- ☐ We will share the PYC JJOC presentation after PYC
- ☐ Reach out if you know of groups that are interested in a legislative session training like the one at PYC
- ☐ Reach out if you are interested in joining any of the working groups
- ☐ Van will connect with Jonathan Adams about a working group Re: HB465
- ☐ Van will reach out to policy analysts working with Rep. Thompson