

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday February 20, 2014
Time	8am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Salt Lake County Youth Services, 177 W. Price Ave
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Donovan Bergstrom, Chris Crowder, Gini Highfield, Scott Jackson, Spencer Larsen, Nindy Le, James Marchel, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Brent Platt, Troy Rawlings, Shirlee Silversmith, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Karen Crompton, Patrick Garcia, Rachael Skidmore
Members Absent	Anthony Johnson
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Spencer Larsen called the meeting to order in Karen's absence and welcomed everyone. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report (tape 2:37)
Notes	<p>Budget Update 2010 money is spent completely 2011 money is almost fully spent 2012 money has about \$13,000 remaining 2013 money has about \$32,000 remaining</p> <p>OJJDP will release the 2014 Title II RFP late. Once done we'll have 60 days to complete. Allocation amount have not been released.</p> <p>2014 Legislature Update HB0112S02 Regulation of Electronic Cigarettes – Gini Highfield made the motion to support in concept until we determine if it's a Class C misdemeanor. Scott Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>HB0132 Temporary Homeless Youth Shelter Amendments – Pat Berckman made the motion to support in concept. Gini Highfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>HB0137 Amendments to Driver License Sanctions for Alcohol or Drug Related Offenses – Gini Highfield made the motion to support. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	DtWT/Youth Committee Report (tape 43:22)
Notes	<p>Van Nguyen reported that the top 90 essayists have been determined and sent to the UBJJ board for scoring. Those scores are due today. Up next is data entry to determine the top 12 and to send those essays to the VIP judges for scoring.</p> <p>The awards luncheon date is April 25, 2014 and will be held at the Viridian Center in the West Jordan Library, same as last year. This year we are inviting the top boy and girl from each school to attend, to foster greater participation. The lunch will be buffet style. The DTWT committee is still searching for a keynote speaker. Pat Berckman suggested Nadine "Deanie" Wimmer from KSL TV.</p> <p>Judge Michie noted that he only had two days to score essays before the scoring deadline and stated that the program is more important than the time allowed for thoughtful scoring.</p>
Agenda Item	Shackling (tape 51:00)

Notes	<p>Pam Vickrey, Executive Director at Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys, gave a compelling report on the impact of youth being routinely shackled in the courtroom. Many states have moved to eliminate indiscriminate shackling. Right now all youth in Utah are automatically shackled. Pennsylvania has removed this practice legislatively. Pam will email the Pennsylvania statute to Board members for their review along with a current proposal that outlines who would/would not qualify for shackling.</p> <p>Pam has developed a pilot project that begins in April in which Judge Michie and Judge Nolan, from Third District Juvenile Court, have agreed to participate. The project would allow attorneys to make a motion to unshackle youth during court appearances. An assessment would be completed to help determine those who could be unshackled. Hopefully the pilot project will go well and will eventually become practice. Ideally, the policy would be to not shackle unless warranted, rather than the other way around. This could be accomplished by rule rather than legislation. Pam will compile data on how the pilot project fares.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting is scheduled at 8:00am, Thursday, March 20, 2014, Multi Agency State Office Building, 1st Floor, Room 1019A (195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah)</p>

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