

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday September 19, 2013
Time	8am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Donovan Bergstrom, Karen Crompton, Gini Highfield, Scott Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, James Marchel, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Shirlee Silversmith, Troy Rawlings, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Patrick Garcia, Brent Platt
Members Absent	Nindy Le
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors: Jennifer Loeffler-Cobia, M.S.
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Karen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Van Nguyen seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports (tape 13:57)
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the <i>Write Thing</i> Rachel advised the Board that this year the dates for the National Recognition Week will be earlier than usual, on June 14-18, 2014. Also, teachers are instructed to send in the top two male essays and top two female essays per class. The awards luncheon will be expanded to include the top male and top female essayists from each school. The luncheon will be much larger and less elaborate. The invitation letter to participate in the challenge from the governor has been mailed out. Hundreds of DTWT brochures were given out at the Gang Conference.</p> <p>DMC/CASP Update Cuong noted that a request for proposal, for evidence based practices, went out on August 28th. It is not official yet, but it looks like DMC may receive CASP grant funding. A full day of community relations training is scheduled for September 30th. November 7th is the date for the DMC annual meeting.</p> <p>Northern Utah Gang Conference Report Gini Highfield, Pat Berckman, Reg Garff and Cuong Nguyen attended the 15th Annual Northern Utah Gang and Youth Violence Conference, September 4-6. Pat stated that she was somewhat disappointed with speakers that gave "old school" presentations. Those presenters spoke for too long and used political commentary that was not appropriate. Gini agreed with Pat and added that the main presenters were not good. The information on sovereign nations was new and useful. The presenter on human trafficking was exceptional. Reg agreed that the human trafficking segment was very informative, especially the information on how this is happening in the schools. Also of note is the statistic that shows gang members in prison for drugs and gang crime, 80 percent admit to being involved in the sex trade for gang activity. Cuong added that the conference's approach to DMC was general in scope (introduction to DMC) and some participants expressed disappointment in some of the DMC training content.</p>
Agenda Item	Utah Criminal & Juvenile Justice Center – Program Evaluation Report (tape 17:54)
Notes	<p>Jennifer Loeffler-Cobia, M.S., presented and update on the Quality Improvement Project, UBJJ Programs. Jen focused on the following: Implementation science, Refugee Family Services CPC results, improvement updates for all programs and the new and improved RAPIT tool.</p> <p>Implementation is a process, not an event. Effective implementation bridges the gap between science and practice by helping to ensure that Evidence Based Practices (EBP) validated in the laboratory produce similar outcomes in the real world. If the intervention or practice has been demonstrated to be effective by research is not implemented properly or done without sufficient</p>

	<p>fidelity to the established model, it will likely fail.</p> <p>Refugee Family Services (RFS) program – Is a community and school based intervention serving high-risk underserved refugee and minority youth. RFS is part of a larger organization with the Asian Association of Utah. RFS is limited to serving youth that are considered refugees and/or minority. Jen listed the RFS program’s goals and noted that Protective Risk Assessments (PRA’s) are not getting done, but that the program is working on them.</p> <p>Project StepUp, Too Good for Violence – Their goals are to work on youth assessment, treatment characteristics and quality assurance. They need to improve receipt of more PRA’s.</p> <p>Risk and Protective factor Indicator Tool (RAPIT) – The new 2013 information will be updated in October. The current website is: http://www.bach-harrison.com/ucjcprofiles/ and the new redirect URL will be www.RAPIT.ucjc.utah.edu.</p>
Agenda Item	Discussion – JJ System (tape 53:00)
Notes	<p>Reg led discussion on an article from <u>Innovation Brief</u>, titled <i>Partnering with Schools to Reduce Juvenile Justice Referrals</i>. The article highlights the “School to Prison Pipeline” problem which is prevalent in schools across the nation. Too often, students are suspended, expelled or even arrested for minor offenses that leave visits to the principal’s office a thing of the past. Statistics show that these policies disproportionately target students of color and those with a history of abuse, neglect, poverty or learning disabilities.</p> <p>Data from one public school in Peoria, Illinois, provided information that helped shape an effective alternative to arrest. Interviews with the school’s administrators showed that referrals for aggravated battery usually stemmed from incidents where school personnel tried to break up an altercation among students. The incidents were categorized as “aggravated” because they occurred at school, not necessarily because of the severity of the altercation. Additionally, an analysis of police reports showed some evidence of unequal charging practices among students involved in school-based altercations.</p> <p>School officials in Peoria and a local non-profit service provider for at-risk youth helped develop a series of strategies using restorative justice principles. Officials saw a 35 percent overall reduction in school-based referrals resulting in secure detention and a 43 percent drop for black youth. A key point to their solution is that none of the programs they employed cost a lot of money.</p> <p>Gini Highfield and Shirlee Silversmith shared some of their experiences regarding this issue. These low-cost programs could help them greatly. Reg will contact Emily Chan about intervention and concentrate more on prevention in junior high schools, especially about behavior that can take kids into the court system. We could help schools develop their own student code of conduct and revise their handbooks to eliminate ambiguity and give resource officers and school administrator’s advice on their handbooks regarding court referrals.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report (tape 1:18)
Notes	<p>UCJC Grant Review – A couple weeks ago, Reg sent out a grant application from the University of Utah, to the Board. Reg fielded a few questions about the grant. Troy Rawlings made the motion to fund the request of \$47,417. Gini Highfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Grant Budget Update - Reg deobligated the balance of the Board monies on the 2010 Title II program, which is \$5,258.46, and will be offered in an RFP to support current subgrantees. OJJDP granted a six-month extension on the 2010 Title II to March 30, 2014.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is the Annual meeting , scheduled for 8:00am, Thursday, October 17, 2013, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room

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