

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

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Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, January 19, 2012
Time	8am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Patrick Garcia, Maria Garcia, Gini Highfield, Max Jackson, Spencer Larsen, James Marchel, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Charri Brummer, Adam Cohen, Karen Crompton, Judge James Michie, Shirlee Silversmith
Members Absent	Craig Dearden, Princess Gutierrez, Kaisa Kinikini
Staff	Reg Garff, Ron Gordon, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, Jacey Skinner, David Walsh
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Pat Berckman called the meeting to order in Adam's absence. Maria Garcia made the motion to approve the November meeting minutes with a correction suggested by Gini Highfield. The correction is under number 4 from the priorities list to say: <i>Increase access to mentor programs serving youth involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice system and without significant adult support.</i> Patrick Garcia seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Reg noted that there is a new Acting Administrator at OJJDP, Melodee Hanes. Hanes replaces Jeff Slowikowski.</p>
Agenda Item	Committee and Other Reports (tape 5:40)
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Spencer stated that today is the deadline for essay submission. Over 800 essays have been received so far. Next Friday, Jan. 27, has been set aside to organize and number the essays, in the CCJJ large conference room.</p> <p>The Do the Write Thing Committee sent a letter to the Wheeler Foundation, asking for a donation of \$7500. The current balance for DTWT is \$18,744.05.</p> <p>DMC Committee/ Annual Meeting Update – (tape 11:46) The DMC committee hasn't met since their November Annual Meeting. Cuong reviewed the Assessment Study update by Audrey Hickert and Erin Becker Worwood. Since that time, Logan Police Dept. has shared data with Audrey. Provo Police has been contacted and we are waiting for an answer. One more agency we need to meet with is West Jordan Police Dept.</p> <p>The diversion assessment was presented to the new Juvenile Court Administrator, Lisa-Michele Church. She asked that it also be presented to the Probation Chiefs' and The Board of Juvenile Judges. The CASP Grant that Utah recently received requires Cuong and Reg to travel to Washington D.C. in March for strategic planning training.</p> <p>DMC's Three-Year Strategic Plan is due the end of March. Action steps were discussed at the annual meeting will continue in today's meeting. The focus will be on interventions.</p>
Agenda Item	Review 2012 Legislation (tape 19:29)
Notes	<p>The first legislative review meeting was held on January 9. The legislative session will begin on January 23. The following legislation was discussed:</p> <p>HB 49 Firearms Revisions – The Chiefs' do not support this bill as written and are very concerned.</p> <p>SB 107 Possession of Graffiti Paraphernalia – Pat Berckman expressed concern that the bill is overly broad and wondered what constitutes "instrument/tool". Sim Gill will speak about this at the Monday meeting. Jacey Skinner noted that the language will probably be changed to mirror</p>

	<p>“burglary tools” language to determine intent.</p> <p>HB 202 Child Protection Amendments – There are concerns about the “discipline” issue for DCFS employees.</p> <p>HB 44 Theft Amendments - Enhances the penalty for an individual who returns and commits retail theft again at a property where the individual has previously been prohibited from returning. Amends the penalty for theft offenses if the defendant has committed two prior theft offenses within the prior 10 years.</p> <p>Juvenile Competency Draft - CCJJ has voted to support in concept the draft. The bill has not received a number yet. Presently there is no procedure in place to perform juvenile competency evaluations. The following issues with this draft were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The bill does not address issue of developmental immaturity (which is currently dealt with differently throughout the state. Judges make the ultimate determination). ○ The bill does not address the uniqueness of juvenile court ○ Funding – Juvenile Competency hearings have been paid for with adult competency funds. Without this bill, the Department of Human Services will be unable to conduct juvenile competency evaluations after July 1, 2012. An audit last year found the Department did not have authority to pay for juvenile competency evaluations.
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report (tape 1:16)
Notes	<p>Budget Update – Congress did not fund OJJDP. OJJDP will have to pull funds from the grant streams to continue operation. Utah’s 2012 funding will likely drop to \$400,000 or as low as \$325,000.</p> <p>Title II 2009 account has \$840.00 Title II 2010 account has \$14,304.63 Title II 2011 account has \$89,704.00</p> <p>There will be no RFP for new Title II programs this year.</p> <p>CJJ Government Relations Subcommittee – Reg will put together the 3 year plan by the March 31st deadline based on decisions made at the UBJJ annual meeting last October. If CJJ has an annual conference this year, it may be in June.</p>
Agenda Item	Other
Notes	<p>Please let Reg know right away if you are interested in attending a local conference.</p> <p>The 22nd Annual Utah Gang Conference: March 28 – 29, at the South Towne Exposition Center Troubled Youth: May 10 – 11 at Cliff Lodge, Snowbird, Utah</p> <p>Russ Van Vleet has resigned from UBJJ. We are in need of a new youth member and a new community relations member.</p> <p>Legislative issues will be posted on the CCJJ website, please review.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012, NeighborWorks Salt Lake

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