

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, April 19, 2012
Time	8am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Donovan Bergstrom, Adam Cohen, Patrick Garcia, Gini Highfield, Scott Jackson, Spencer Larsen, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Charri Brummer, Karen Crompton, Nindy Le, James Marchel, Shirlee Silversmith
Members Absent	Craig Dearden, Kaisa Kinikini
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors: Matt Davis, Mindy Vanderloo , Lisa-Michele Church, Anthony Johnson, Raechel Lizon
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Adam Cohen called the meeting to order. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Pat Berckman seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Juvenile Court DMC Work (3:24tape)
Notes	<p>Lisa-Michele Church, Juvenile Court Administrator, stated that the juvenile courts help about 30,000 kids per year. Lisa thanked UBJJ for funding the juvenile court program evaluation grant and the probation officer safety grant (both are JABG grants). Juvenile Court recently performed a data match with information from the schools against the court's data. The data shows that the JJS kids in custody are a full grade point average below the public school kids. And for DCFS it is a little bit lower. Schools were interested in the mobility of the children, which has a huge impact on academic success.</p> <p>Lisa-Michele also spoke about DMC work at the juvenile court and thanked Cuong for his help in that area. Some areas being worked on are probation officer training and the CASP (Community and Strategic Planning) Initiative. Minorities in schools are disproportionately affected by expulsion/suspension rates. Every RFP put out by the juvenile court includes a DMC component.</p> <p>Lisa-Michele also discussed the Diversion Project. Cuong recently presented to the Board of Juvenile Court Judges and Trial Court Executives and Probation Chiefs. The data has been discussed with all the groups and they find there is disproportionate minority contact among certain groups upon second diversion. This is something the Court is working to correct.</p> <p>The Board expressed appreciation to Lisa-Michele taking time from her busy schedule to provide an update on the DMC work in juvenile court. The Board recognized the efforts made by juvenile court to address DMC and appreciates the great opportunity to partner with juvenile court.</p>
Agenda Item	UCJC Outcome Evaluation (23:21 tape)
Notes	Mindy Vanderloo presented the latest evaluation on the CHOICES program. CHOICES is a NOJOS level 1 – 5 sex offender program which has been evaluated for 32 months now. In that time, they have had four different consecutive therapists, which is a big problem. On the good side, they do target the intended population. They have a really good curriculum base, created by one of their past therapists which is evidence-based treatment for juvenile sex offenders. Because of the high turnover in therapists, they find that the program has kind of been lost in the mix, and the new therapists are not being trained as well nor are they experienced enough. Program dosage is good for this population. The program is showing positive change on some of the scales. This program is doing very well on pre and post surveys. Mindy recommends that they rectify the staff turnover issue and asks that they focus on behavioral skills and to improve the use of rewards. Money seems to be the issue in retention of therapists. Mindy suggests that future RFP's include enough money to hire and retain qualified staff and therapists.

Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports (50:00 tape)
Notes	<p>Do the Write Thing – Spencer thanked the Board for scoring the essays. The awards luncheon is on May 3rd and Salt Lake City Police Chief, Chris Burbank, has agreed to give the keynote address. We had ten VIP judges participate this year. The Youth Committee will meet next week to finalize luncheon details. A press release will go out soon.</p> <p>A graphic designer has produced a new logo for DTWT Utah. Judge Michie suggested a check box for cyber bullying on next year's DTWT score sheets. Nine teachers and eight schools are represented in the top twelve essays.</p> <p>DMC – Pat Berckman noted that DMC is doing great things. Among them is the Arrest Assessment being conducted by Audrey Hickert. She most recently completed the Salt Lake City Police Dept. and Unified Police Dept. reports. The Salt Lake PD was asked if gang activity in SLC is driving law enforcement contact with minority youth. The answer was no. The most common offense types for groups were public property, public order and drugs. The study from UPD answers the question, “Do all Jr. High and High Schools in the UPD area have youth offending that is proportionate to their population?” UPD unfortunately does not keep Hispanic/ethnic data. Cuong and Pat, with Salt Lake County CODA, are meeting with the Bhutanese community (refugees) on May 19th, so they can ask questions about law enforcement.</p> <p>Cuong spoke about the CASP initiative grant which helps implement DMC initiative at the local level. At this point \$34,000 is appropriated for the DMC Assessment. Cuong would like to create three DMC working groups, one in Weber, Salt Lake and Utah Counties. Troy Rawlings and Pam Vickrey suggested that Cuong make a presentation to prosecutors and defense attorneys.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report (tape 1:25)
Notes	<p>Budget Update – 2009 Title II budget has \$840.50, has to be spent by the end of September 2012. 2010 budget has \$43,263.85 2011 budget has \$89,704. We back-spent out of the 2010 budget for Cuong's position, leaving \$13,540 remaining.</p> <p>Troubled Youth Request – We have two requests today. The first is for \$4,000 for the Troubled Youth Conference. The second request is from the U of U for \$1,000 to pay for data work on the 3 year plan. These monies would come out of the 2011 budget. Troy Rawlings made the motion to approve both requests. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Pat Berckman and Gini Highfield abstained from the Troubled Youth vote.</p> <p>CJJ Membership – The Coalition for Juvenile Justice has sent out their annual request for dues of \$5,000. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve paying \$5,000 for dues. Spencer Larsen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2012, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room

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