

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Annual Meeting
Date	Thursday, October 15, 2015
Time	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Chris Crowder, Matthew Davies, Gini Highfield, Anthony Johnson, Nindy Le, Van Nguyen, Brent Platt, Troy Rawlings, James Toledo for Shirlee Silversmith, Pam Vickrey, Debbie Whitlock
Members Excused	Spencer Larsen, Lincoln Nehring
Members Absent	Chief Steve Anjewierden, Rachael Skidmore
Staff	Toni Gray, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, David Walsh
Visitors	Jenn Cobia (AIR), Dr. Lisa Hutchinson (OJJDP), Cathleen Penkoff (AIR), Dawn Marie Rubio (Juvenile Court)
Agenda Item	Welcome and Approval of Minutes
Notes	Gini Highfield called the meeting to order in Spencer's absence and welcomed everyone. Matt Davies made the motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Brent Platt seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Call to Order (tape part 1)
Notes	Cuong introduced Dr. Lisa Hutchinson, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Trainer and Cathleen Penkoff from American Institutes for Research (AIR). CJJ Membership Dues – Pat Berckman made the motion to approve paying \$4,750 dues (reduced from \$5,000 if paid by January 31) to the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, for Utah's State Advisory Group (SAG). Troy Rawlings seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Systemic Priorities (tape part 1 13:00)
Notes	Juvenile Court – Dawn Marie Rubio, Juvenile Court Administrator Juvenile Court served approximately 30,000 individuals and their families last year. Ongoing challenges to juvenile court are: Mental health issues with youth and parents, Cases involving drugs, Multigenerational family caregivers, Cases across systems, Gangs and gang violence, Need to treat special populations and Limited resources (availability in rural vs urban areas). The greatest number of court cases comes from 3 rd District. Juvenile Justice Services – Debbie Whitlock, Deputy Director More changes have been made in the last couple years than have been made in the last decade. Utah is doing a really good job in general; however, there is always room for improvement. JJS numbers are down and now they have the opportunity to reinvest their dollars and analyze where to put resources. JJS is doing well in the educational area and continues to push for evidence based practices. They are treating low risk youth differently, improving early intervention services and making efforts to keep kids in their home. Certifying all case managers in progress. There is a significant funding gap in the system. In order to get funding, kids need to be in custody. The challenge is "how to change that paradigm"? How can they obtain money to serve kids without having to have kids in custody? JJS is looking at detention alternatives and for help with medical services and medication needs. JJS doubled their clinical staff this last year and will ask the Legislature in January for funding to hire a medical director. DCFS – Brent Platt, Director of DCFS Brent stated the good news, which is that enrollment numbers are down in secure care. Utah has lower numbers nationally. DCFS is targeting families where there are neglect issues by visiting them up to four times per month and doing the best they can to keep families together and are seeing good things happen as a result.

	<p>Brent stated that they are in the process of rolling out a safety assessment and using Utah's early intervention program, HomeWorks, which uses evidenced-based strategies to keep families safely together and reduce placements in foster care.</p> <p>DCFS concerns include the rising cost of Foster Care. The needs of DCFS include better support for in-home services, focusing on trauma, and using evidence-based practices, older youth, education and runaways. They are currently working on runaway guidelines, so that foster care kids are not forced into detention.</p>
Agenda Item	SAG 101 (tape part 2)
Notes	See Strategic Plan, available upon request.
Agenda Item	Proposal: Legislative Priority (tape part 3)
Notes	<p>Pam Vickrey cited ten recommendations for states to prevent a juvenile record from following a juvenile offender into adulthood from the Juvenile Law Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records should not be widely available online Records should be sealed to the public before they are expunged Records should be automatically sealed and expunged Expungement should include physical destruction and electronic deletion Expungement eligibility should begin once a case is closed All offenses should be eligible for expungement One entity should be designated to inform youth about the expungement Forms for expungement should be youth-friendly Filing for expungement should be free There should be sanctions for failure to comply <p>Pam discussed: Adjudication, Confidentiality of court records, Exceptions, Utah Code Ann.78A-6-1105, Non-Judicial adjustments, Eligibility for expungement (kids have to wait years for an offense to get expunged, while adults only wait 30 days on plea and abeyance), Petitions/Applications for expungement, Hearings and Effects (expunged means destroyed, while sealed means set aside). She also discussed juvenile records confidentiality and expungement scores and how Utah ranks nationally. Core principles for record protection, VCO, and Funding were highlighted.</p>
Agenda Item	UBJJ's Priorities (tape part 4)
Notes	See Strategic Plan, available upon request.
Agenda Item	"Putting it all Together" (tape part 4)
Notes	See Strategic Plan, available upon request.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015, Utah State Capitol Complex, Copper Room, 8 am – 9:30 am

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