

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, June 16, 2016
Time	8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, East Building, Copper Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Matthew Davies, Steven Kaelin, Nindy Le, Lincoln Nehring, Troy Rawlings, Dawn Marie Rubio, Shirlee Silversmith, Pam Vickrey, Debbie Whitlock
Members Excused	Judge Janice Frost, Andrea Gutierrez, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Van Nguyen
Members Absent	Chief Steve Anjewierden, Chris Crowder, Brent Platt, Rachael Skidmore
Staff	Toni Gray, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen
Visitors	Dr. Moises Prospero
Agenda Item	Welcome and Approval of Minutes
Notes	<p>Pat Berckman called the meeting to order in Spencer Larsen's absence. Lincoln Nehring made the motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Dawn Marie Rubio seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Pat Berckman's Retirement – Pat Berckman officially announced her retirement as Director of Salt Lake County Division of Youth Services. Her last day will be June 30. The Board thanked Pat for her leadership and service with a parting gift that has her name and years of service (1999-2016) engraved on it. As soon as a new youth services director is chosen, that person will be invited to serve on the Board.</p> <p>Meeting Attendance – The Board reviewed UBJJ members' meeting attendance. The Board strives to have at least 70% attendance; however, the attendance rate thus far this year was 58%. Cuong led discussion on ways to increase attendance, whether it be a time or day change or to have fewer meetings per year that last a half hour longer. Dawn Marie Rubio made the motion to have meetings every other month from 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. starting in August. Debbie Whitlock seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Meetings for the remainder of the calendar year are: August 18 from 8 – 10 a.m., October 20 (Annual Meeting) 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and December 15 from 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Compliance Monitoring Update – Eighty five individuals applied for the Compliance Monitoring position vacated by Treva Bell. Eight applicants were interviewed and the job was offered to the top candidate. Unfortunately that person declined the job offer. A second round of recruitment began on June 8th and will close on June 22nd. If you know of any qualified persons, please encourage them to apply. We hope to have a replacement for Treva by July 31st.</p>
Agenda Item	Three-Year Strategic Plan (tape 28:30)
Notes	<p>Goal #6 – UBJJ Impact</p> <p>The Board decided to focus on supporting the implementation of SB167 (the right to counsel) and the issue of truancy. Pam Vickrey noted that there is an excellent truancy program in Roy, Utah that works well. The Board plans to invite them to make a presentation at our next meeting. The Board has also decided to delegate the truancy issue to the Executive Committee to develop a strategy that will include members from schools, law enforcement, and juvenile court. Steve Kaelin, Steve Anjewierden, and Dawn Marie Rubio were invited to join the discussion. Cuong will set up a strategic meeting prior to the August meeting. The Board has determined that Truancy and SB167 – Right to Counsel provision will be the main focus in the next year.</p>
Agenda Item	Legislative and Policy Committee Update
Notes	<p>Debbie Whitlock reported that the SB167 work-group met once and will meet again in mid-July. The Working Group is currently reviewing the draft of Standards for Attorneys Representing Youth in Utah State Delinquency Court. The Board hopes this will be a standard guideline for adoption throughout Utah. The Sentencing Commission will meet tomorrow to discuss expungement. The National Association of Sentencing Commissions will hold its annual conference in Utah and will be hosted by</p>

	the Utah Sentencing Commission from August 7-9, 2016. The conference will feature a session on the <i>School to Prison Pipeline</i> . Consensus from the Board was to support the conference by covering registration fees for any Board members who want to attend. Cuong will send out a reminder email.
Agenda Item	2016 YJAM (tape 1:05)
Notes	<p>October is Youth Justice Awareness Month. The Board discussed having the theme this year be “Gault at 50”. Some background information on Gault: In 1967 a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision gave juveniles accused of crimes the same due process rights as adults. The case involved Gerald “Jerry” Gault, who at age 14 was given a seven-year sentence for a prank phone call. An adult charged with the same crime would have received a maximum sentence of two months in jail and a \$50 fine.</p> <p>The U.S. Supreme Court decision known as <i>In Re Gault</i> established the constitutional right to legal counsel for children facing delinquency proceedings. Today, the right to counsel, while assured under the law, is still lacking in many parts of the Country. The 2016 YJAM event will highlight the hallmarks of the US Supreme Court decision, assess the current status of representation, and develop strategies where we can go from here. A Working Group has been formed and Cuong will send out a meeting notice. Cuong encouraged Board members to contact him if they are interested in serving on the planning committee.</p>
Agenda Item	DMC – Alternatives to Juvenile Court (tape 1:07)
Notes	Dr. Moises Prospero shared a preliminary report on the Best Practices for Alternatives to Juvenile Court and reviewed a few of the programs he has investigated. His next step will be to look at school districts to see what is working for them. The full report will be shared with the Board when completed.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 8:00am – 10:00am, Utah State Capitol Complex, Copper Room

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