

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, January 17, 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, Nindy Le, James Marchel, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Brent Platt, , Shirlee Silversmith, Rachael Skidmore, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Patrick Garcia, Troy Rawlings
Members Absent	Craig Dearden, Kaisa Kinikini
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, Jacey Skinner Visitors: Krista Airam, Rob Butters, Jen Cobia, Jerry Oler
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Spencer called the meeting to order and introduced new member, Brent Platt, Director of DCFS. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Scott Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	University of Utah Criminal Justice Center (03:13 tape)
Notes	Rob Butters, Director of the Utah Criminal Justice Center (CJC), College Of Social Work, at the University of Utah, informed the Board of staff changes taking place at the CJC. Rob introduced Jen Cobia, who will be doing program evaluations.
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report (09:12 tape)
Notes	<p>CJJ Dues – It is time to renew our CJJ (Coalition for Juvenile Justice) dues, which are \$5,000 per year. This year CJJ is offering a 5% discount if dues are paid by January 31, which would save us \$250. Spencer Larsen made the motion to approve paying CJJ dues. Gini Highfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Legislative Update- Reg reviewed the following legislation and the Board's position on each.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 13 Protection of Children Riding in Motor Vehicles – support in concept ▪ HB 50 Dating Violence Protection Act – support in concept ▪ HB 52 Controlled Substances Revisions – support ▪ HB 56 Behavioral Health Care Workforce Amendments – support ▪ HB 57 Mental and Behavioral Health Amendments – support ▪ SB 119 Youth Court Amendments – support in concept ▪ SB 123 Runaway Vehicle Ramp Requirements – support ▪ SB 127 Juvenile Court Judge Amendments - support <p>If you discover any additional legislation that the Board should track or have any thoughts or suggestions on 2013 legislation, please contact Reg.</p> <p>Subgrant Audit Update – Reg briefly reviewed the State Audit on Colors of Success (COS) and Center for Family Development (CFD) that was released in December. CCJJ suspended and closed the grants as of August 30, 2012, for inability to access records and it was apparent that neither organization had conducted a financial audit in quite some time. The balances of the remaining grant funds have been de-obligated. COS and CFD could lose their non-profit status and face possible criminal charges. CCJJ has tightened up procedures as a result and has created a subgrantee risk assessment to determine monitoring frequency.</p>
Agenda Item	Title V Grant Recommendation (55:51 tape)
Notes	The Title V Subcommittee met this morning to review a grant application from Ogden City for the

	CROSS Prevention Program. CROSS stands for Community, Re-entry, Opportunity, Social and Suppression. This new project will reach 400 5 th grade students in the Ogden School District with gang prevention education (GRIP); will train faculty & staff on gang prevention; and outreach campaign to parents. The Title V Subcommittee highly recommended this project for funding. Scott Jackson made the motion to approve funding with some minor adjustments. Spencer Larsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Serious Youth Offender Bill Draft (39:50 tape)
Notes	<p>Jacey Skinner, Director of the Utah Sentencing Commission, spoke about draft legislation being sponsored by Representative Lowry Snow from St. George. The way this law was written years ago leaves little discretion for judges.</p> <p>In November, the Sentencing Commission created a working group to look at how Utah deals with juveniles who are transferred into the adult system and then sentenced.</p> <p>The working group concluded that it is premature to talk about how juveniles are sentenced in the adult system without first considering if the right juveniles going into the adult system to begin with. The group chose to focus on the Serious Youth Offender (SYO) statute to make sure that the juveniles being transferred into the adult system are those intended to be sentenced as adults.</p> <p>The Sentencing Commission has some recommendations. The statute was intended to deal with youth who commit the most serious crimes and who have exhausted services available in the juvenile system. But the law does not permit any distinctions to be drawn for first-time or other offenders who might be better helped in the juvenile system. The goal is to ensure that the juveniles being transferred to the adult system are the juveniles intended to go there.</p> <p>The UBJJ Board thanked Jacey for taking the lead on this issue.</p>
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports (1:35 tape)
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Today is the deadline for Do the Write Thing essays to be turned in.</p> <p>DMC/CASP Update – Scott Jackson stated that the DMC is still working on goals. There are working groups meeting now to discuss the results from the arrest and referral assessment study that was recently completed. Scott mentioned the 38th Juvenile Justice Symposium & National DMC Conference, “Justice for all Youth: Ensuring a Successful Transition to a Productive Adulthood,” February 13-15, 2013, in Biloxi, Mississippi. DMC is also scheduling a tour of the Wasatch Treatment Center along with UBJJ.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Probation
Notes	<p>Jerry Oler and Krista Airam, Chief Probation Officers from Juvenile Justice Services (JJS), gave a presentation titled <i>Utah Juvenile Court's Approach to Delinquency</i>. They discussed Utah's Juvenile Courts approach to delinquency, how youth are held accountable, the referral process and probation's formula for success. Juvenile Court uses the following unique and innovative approaches to help children and families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Common Vision and Mission ▪ Evidence-Based Practices ▪ Balanced and Restorative Justice ▪ Sentencing Guidelines ▪ Individualized Justice ▪ Behavioral Change ▪ Best Practice Approach to Delinquency
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00am, Thursday, February 21, 2013, Division of Juvenile Justice Services Training Center, 3522 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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