

**ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER**

Meeting minutes

Prepared by: Meaghan Marks, Office Coordinator, Victim Support Services Division

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 7, 2022

LOCATION: Webex

1. Blake Nakamura called the meeting to order at 12:02.
 - A. Blake welcomed all to the meeting and noted that Carol Verdoia was delayed so he was chairing. Blake welcomed James Bigelow to the Advisory Board, replacing Travis Rees.
2. Roll Call- Meaghan Marks
3. Approval of the November minutes- Blake Nakamura
 - A. Sandy Growe proposed an edit to the November minutes reflecting that she was present at the November meeting. Sandy proposed an additional edit reflecting a date that needed to be changed to reflect 2022.
 - B. Karen Crompton motioned approval of the minutes reflecting the proposed edits. Kris Ownby seconded the motion.
4. Public Comment – Blake Nakamura
 - A. No public in attendance
5. Friends Nonprofit Update – Colby Wilcock
 - A. Colby Wilcock provided an update on the Friends' nonprofit, including recent changes to the Board of Directors. Colby discussed the vision for the Friends and opportunities for both fundraising and community partnerships going forward.
6. CJC Services Report – Lizet Torres
 - A. Lizet Torres introduced the CJC WOW award to the Advisory Board. The WOW award is a new, staff-created award that will be given out each month to recognize MDT partners for their victim-centered work.
 - B. Lizet also introduced the new Special Outreach Project. This project will focus on enhancing children's ability to thrive by assessing unmet needs, referrals to additional community resources, and referrals to the Friends for direct implementation of resources.
7. Forensic Services Report – Dustin Schumacher
 - A. Dustin Schumacher presented an analysis of statewide Forensic Services data. Dustin noted the trend toward specialized Forensic interviewers and discussed the benefits that this provides to both children and families as well as to MDT members. Dustin presented additional analysis and trending of data specific to Forensic Services within Salt Lake County. Analysis shows an anticipation of increased interviews being conducted by Forensic Interview staff within the Salt Lake County CJC.
 - B. Dustin discussed in greater detail the services provided by the dedicated Forensic Interview staff, including mentoring, training, and peer reviews. Forensic Interview staff assist in interviews which more difficult and dynamic cases which can provide more quality interviews.
8. Facilities Report – Susanne Mitchell
 - A. Susanne Mitchell discussed ongoing projects at both CJC North and CJC South Valley.

1. CJC North: Furniture is wrapped up. Working on a décor plan with input from Edge Homes. As soon as décor is finished there will be a grand opening.
 2. CJC South Valley: Complete overhaul of security system, funded by Friends. Friends are also funding a new fence as the current fence is crumbling. Edge Homes is also providing guidance for redecorating the South Valley location. Dustin is coordinating an upgrade to soundproofing in the interview rooms. There is a desire for a gazebo to provide additional outdoor seating space. Additional ongoing projects requiring attention include landscaping, the medical room, and additional parking space.
 - B. Blake Nakamura provided a status update on the former Avenues location. We are in the process of returning the Avenues location building to IHC, but this has taken longer than expected. It is anticipated that project will finish soon.
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9. Other items – All members
 - A. No additional items
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10. Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.