

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

Meeting Minutes – Draft
Approved on: Date Pending

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, May 8, 2023
TIME OF MEETING: Noon to 1:30 PM
LOCATION: District Attorney Office, 35 East 500 South, Salt Lake City

3 EXCUSED: Kris Ownby, Karen Crompton, Meaghan Marks

10 PRESENT: Carol Verdoia, Susanne Mitchell, Lisa Ashman, Ryan Woodmansee, Annette Jan, Rob Scott, Kris Ownby, James Bigelow, Rob Scott, Angela Martindale

22 GUESTS: Sim Gill, Kaleb Cox, Sierra Hughes-Chao, Brandon Osmond, Linda Lewis, Holly Clark, Lizet Torres, Dusty Schumacher, Sarah Houser, David DeTorres, Lorianne Szendre, Katelyn Peterson, Adelyn Abbott, Erin Gillen, Charity Maui, Ashley Burnham, Mitzi Cox, Keith Chalmers, Nick Pensari, Leslie Strandgard, Troy Foot, Lauren Schmalz

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Susanne Mitchell

NOTE: Recording system created an echo and interference in the sound playback.

1. Welcome – Carol Verdoia called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – Susanne Mitchell called for everyone to introduce themselves and where they work.
3. Approval of the minutes – Carol Verdoia asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approved passed.
4. Public Comment – Carol Verdoia asked if any public present to comment. None present and no requests.
5. Business Items – Susanne Mitchell
 - A. Nomination for Advisory Board vice chair was submitted for James Bigelow. Motion to approve passed.
 - B. Names forwarded to County Mayor to fill 4 vacant slots for victim advocate, school resource officer, mental health provider, medical provider – expert.
 - C. Vacant slot for local pediatrician – candidate name was recommended by Dr. Toni Laskey. Susanne reached out three times and did not get an application back. Position remains open and other suggestions would be appreciated.

6. District Attorney Sim Gill thanked the board for their involvement in supporting the CJC program and for making a difference. He
7. Friends Nonprofit Report
 - A. Angela Martindale is the new executive director for the Friends and provided a summary of the exciting initiatives the Friends are working on in the coming year. The theme is Rethink, Restructure, Reimagine. The website focus is empowerment, transformation, and resilience.
 - B. Sierra Hughes-Chao is the grant writer and gave a summary of the Friends 2022 annual report to summarize their successes.
8. CJC Program Report – Susanne Mitchell provided an overview of the Victim Support Service division, the programs, and how we care as demonstrated through the 2023 goals statement:
Victim voices inform programs and services
Victims feel genuine support, help, healing
Services delivered are trauma informed
 - Lorianne Szendre discussed the importance of supporting the victim through their traumatic experiences and the continuum of healing which is not always in sync with the criminal justice process.
 - Susanne explained that there will be a tour for board members after the meeting to view the rooms and spaces where victims are served at the DA office.
 - Lizet Torres described the first floor Children's Justice Center NORTH.
 - Dustin Schumacher described the first floor of the forensic interviewing rooms and spaces for detectives and caseworkers to work onsite.
 - Sarah Houser described the MDT meeting spaces on the second floor and the team staffing process.
 - David DeTorres described the second floor spaces for Victim Services and how they prepare victims to attend court hearings.
9. Other Business
 - A. Susanne asked for any announcements from board members. No announcements made.
 - B. Next meetings will be August 14 – virtual and November 13 onsite.
 - C. Group photos will be taken after the meeting.
 - D. Tours of victim services spaces will be following the meeting.
10. Motion to Adjourn – Carol Verdoia asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to approve passed.