

## MINUTES

Tuesday, October 19, 1999  
State Capitol, Governor's Board Room  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

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**Present:** Judge Joseph W. Anderson, Dan Becker, Georgia Block, Rep Afton Bradshaw, D. Douglas Bodrero, Gary K. Dalton, Craig Dearden, H. L. (Pete) Haun, Senator Joseph L. Hull, John T. Nielsen and Michael R. Sibbett. **Excused:** Chief Richard Hendricks, Richard McKelvie, Judge Sandra Peuler, Leon PoVey, Marilyn Sandberg, Gregory Skordas, Sheriff Mike Spanos, Ron Vance and David Yocom. **Staff/Visitors:** S. Camille Anthony, James Behunin, Richard Coleman, John Darrow, Marvin Dodge, Ron Gordon, Jennifer Hemenway, Paul Hicken, Creighton Horton, Wayne Kidd, Ed McConkie, Chevan Nanayakkara, Helen Stromberg, Darin Underwood, Ray Wahl and Dave Walsh.

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**Chairman Doug Bodrero convened the meeting** at 3:12 pm and welcomed those present. Approval of the minutes for the October 1, 1999 Commission meeting was deferred.

**“A Performance Audit of Criminal Justice Planning in Utah”.** Darin Underwood presented the Performance Audit Report as it was presented before the Utah Legislative Audit Subcommittee on Friday, October 15, 1999. He explained that the report came out of an audit request to review how justice policy is developed in the state. He reviewed the scope of the audit, the objectives and the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**CCJJ Response to Crime Audit.** Camille discussed the response to the audit that she authored with the extensive help of the Executive Committee. She pointed out that the Commission members were not allowed to see a copy of the audit prior to her response. She explained that she had pushed hard and had actually asked Mr. Welch, Legislative Auditor, to discuss this issue with leadership. He discussed it with the Senate President and our request to allow the Commission to review the report was denied. “It was quite troubling to me and the Executive Committee that you (Commission members) are listed by name in the appendix not just by position and yet you were not privy to the content,” Ms. Anthony said. The response was broken down into four simple areas: data, evaluation, planning and policy.

*Gary Dalton made the following motion: on behalf of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile*

*Justice may we thank Darin Underwood, Richard Coleman and the Audit Staff for their competent process. We would like to accept Camille Anthony's response on behalf of CCJJ and then encourage CCJJ to represent the following in a future meeting: 1) given any other alternatives it is okay to retain the organizational structure as currently constituted; 2) accept the idea of reporting biannually and emphasize the importance of CCJJ following through with whatever pressures and legislative involvements are necessary to maintain our commitment to the data reporting and the evaluation process that we have undertaken; and 3) Camille Anthony needs to evaluate the staffing pattern and the need for additional staff. Commissioner Dearden seconded the motion and the motion passed favorably.*

**Budget Priorities.** Dave Walsh reviewed the FY2001 Budget Priorities and the rankings given to them by the Executive Committee.

*Craig Dearden made a motion to accept the FY2001 funding priorities and rankings as presented. Mike Sibbett seconded the motion and the motion passed favorably.*

**Crime Reduction Plan Review.** Camille explained that Commission members had received a draft/working copy of the Crime Reduction Plan and encouraged each of them to spend some time reading the plan. If there are corrections or addition Commission members should get back with Camille as soon as possible. The plan will be presented to the Crime Reduction Task Force on October 27, 1999.

**Jacob Wetterling/Pam Lychner Compliance Report.** Commission members were given a copy of a letter from the Department of Justice stating that Utah is in compliance with the Jacob Wetterling Act and has received a two year extension to come into compliance with the Pam Lychner Act. The Commission expressed appreciation to Ron Gordon for his extensive work on this project.

**Juvenile Competency Legislation.** Gary Dalton gave a brief history of the "Competency Evaluations for Juveniles" draft bill. The bill came up over a year and a half ago, it was authored originally in the Attorney General's Office by Deputy Attorney Mike Whims and has had a number of committees and processes go into it. Last year it was presented to the Commission and was held up because of some issues having to do with the age of children who may be presumed to be competent or incompetent and other problems with the bill. The Juvenile Court and Youth Corrections with Ron Gordon from CCJJ assumed the responsibility to deal with it. He said they went back to the original committee and talked about it and made changes in it. Ray Wahl, Juvenile Court Administrator, explained that there was a concern with the judges that this may do more damage than good. He said there is a lot of support to do something but the questions is what and how complicated or simple it should be.

**Juvenile Justice Audit Report.** Gary Dalton explained that the Juvenile Justice Audit was accepted by the Legislature in January of this year. The charge was for the Juvenile Court and Division of Youth Corrections to do something about the audit findings. They will present their results to the Judiciary Interim Committee October 20, 1999. Mr. Dalton gave a little history and presented Youth

Corrections' recommendation. Ray Wahl explained that it is a report that was done by the Judiciary, Juvenile Court Judges, and represents the Juvenile Court perspective on the audit.

*Dan Becker made a motion to endorse the "Recommendations for Implementation" of the Juvenile Justice Audit. Mike Sibbett seconded the motion and the motion passed favorably.*

**Crime Reduction Task Force Remaining Meeting Dates** - October 27, November 10 - both from 9 am to noon.

**Set next Executive Committee Meeting - Doug Bodrero.** The Executive Committee will meet on November 12, 1999 at noon. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for November 16, 1999 at 3:00 pm.

Mike Sibbett mentioned that Afton Bradshaw will be receiving an award on October 20, 1999 for her work with domestic violence.

*Mike Sibbett made a motion to adjourn seconded by Senator Hull.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.