

MEETING MINUTES

Committee	COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE
Date	Thursday, August 12, 2010
Time	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location	State Capitol Complex, Senate Building, Copper Room
Members Present	Judge Judith Atherton, Dan Becker, Commissioner Lance Davenport, Mike Haddon (for Tom Patterson), Chief Mike Larsen, Judge Elizabeth Lindsley, Dan Maldonado, Richard McKelvie, Angela Micklos (for Clark Harms), Lohra Miller, Stan Parrish, Reed Richards, Carlene Walker
Members Excused	Senator Stuart Adams, Camille Anthony, Maria Garcia, Representative Eric Hutchings, Carol Lear, Sheriff Lynn Nelson, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, Greg Skordas
Guests	Steve Reiher
Staff	Mary Lou Emerson, Reg Garff, Ron Gordon, Cuong Nguen, Ned Searle, Monica Taylor, Ken Vargason, Dave Walsh, Richard Ziebarth
Agenda Item	Welcome & Approval of Minutes
Notes	<p>Stan Parrish welcomed all present.</p> <p>Motion: Dan Becker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2010, June 15, 2010, and June 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Lohra Miller and passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	Title II Grants
Notes	<p>Reg Garff reported grant applications were reviewed and scored individually by the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. The Board then met as a whole to consider project funding. He reviewed the Title II grant budget recommendations, which includes funding two grants for a total of \$114,900.</p> <p>Motion: Judge Elizabeth Lindsley made a motion to approve the Title II grant budget recommendations. The motion was seconded by Reed Richards and passed with one abstention (Dan Maldonado).</p>
Agenda Item	Grant Approval Process
Notes	<p>Ron Gordon reported that at the last Executive Committee meeting he and Dave Walsh proposed that CCJJ staff be allowed to issue grants up to \$10,000 without going through the normal grant process. This would occur when grant years need to be closed out and there is money that has not been spent. The Executive Committee recommends that the Commission grant this authority with conditions, 1) make certain the awards follow any conditions of the grant, 2) any grant awards made should be consistent with the priorities established by the Commission for that particular grant, and 3) when a grant is awarded by staff it be reported back to the Commission at the following meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Carlene Walker made a motion to give CCJJ staff authority to award grants up to \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Lohra Miller and passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	Evidence-Based Practices
Notes	<p><u>Fidelity of Correctional Programs</u></p> <p>Mike Haddon reported he attended an Executive Committee where Roger Pryzbylsky was</p>

brought in to talk about evidence-based practices and doing evaluations of programs. One of the concepts he put forward was instead of doing outcome evaluations of identified programs that have already been demonstrated in the literature as best practices, they should look at the existing programs to ensure they have been implemented with fidelity. Mike took this information back to the Department of Corrections where they looked at their programs and found they have three that really stand out as evidence-based programs 1) motivational interviewing, 2) Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and 3) vocational training. He said the Department of Corrections would like to request funding to conduct a fidelity evaluation of their Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) program. Mike reviewed the MRT program and mentioned they would go through an RFP process to recruit someone to do the evaluation of this program. Richard Ziebarth said they could use 2009 JAG money, up to \$230,000, to fund this evaluation.

Motion: Lohra Miller made a motion to approve funding the evaluation of the MRT program up to \$230,000, using 2009 JAG funding. The motion was seconded by Dan Becker and passed with one abstention (Mike Haddon).

RFP

Richard Ziebarth reported he is in the process of developing a RFP for the 2010 JAG funding. He said CCJJ will release an RFP for approximately \$700,000 to be directed toward evidence-based programming. Only state criminal justice agencies will be eligible this year and grant(s) will be awarded in support of one or two large projects. Richard said projects selected for funding will be eligible for up to three years of continuation funding. Area one projects will be projects that offer a fidelity evaluation of existing evidence-based programs operating within a state criminal justice agency. Area two projects will be proposals that establish an evidence-based program not currently in use by a state criminal justice agency, these proposals will need to address at least one of the six established CCJJ/JAG purpose areas and/or implement an evidence-based project that specifically addresses a finding(s) from the Governor's Optimization Committee. Richard also reported that project(s) selected for funding will be required to set-aside at least 10% for an independent evaluation designed to measure program effectiveness and fidelity to the model program being utilized. CCJJ will have oversight of the evaluations for area two projects. One suggestion made was to change area two to say that programs don't have to be something completely new to the state but can be something that's replicated from another area in the state or an expansion of a current program.

Motion: Dan Becker made a motion to approve the 2010 JAG RFP recommendations. The motion was seconded by Lohra Miller and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item	Sexual Violence Summit
Notes	Stan Parrish reminded the Commission they committed \$23,000 to help support the Sexual Violence Summit. Ned Searle reported the Summit was held January 6-7 in Salt Lake City and was attended by approximately 180 people representing all eight judicial districts. When a person registered for the Summit they were asked to answer five questions related to their understanding and knowledge of sexual assault. Of the 173 registered participants more than half reported that most victims of sexual assault in their community never initiate contact with community services and the three leading reasons reported by attendees for not initiating contact included, not wanting others to know about the assault, the victim's relationship to the perpetrator and fear that the victim was in some way responsible for the assault. The Summit consisted of two keynote speakers and four breakout groups. Ned said the Summit work stressed both statewide issues but also included breakout sessions grouped by professional disciplines and county or multi-

	<p>county areas to localize the system-centered discussion. The Summit ended with each judicial district reporting what they had learned about their community and what their plans were for moving forward on a victim centered response. These reports showed that work needs to continue in the following areas, 1) information and tools dissemination, 2) technical assistance to service providers, 3) training, 4) awareness, and 5) prevention. Ned noted the Summit was not a onetime event, it has served as a catalyst to motivate individuals and agencies in our state to work toward a victim centered response for victims of sexual assault. Follow-up plans from the Summit for the prevention of rape and sexual assault in a rural community has been initiated. The work of the Summit continues to make a difference in Utah. Ned thanked the Commission for their support.</p>
Agenda Item	Early Case Resolution
Notes	<p>Lohra Miller did a presentation on early case resolution. She said the goals of early case resolution are to develop a safe community, to have an efficient and effective criminal and social justice system, and to protect our victims. Lohra reviewed the current justice system in Salt Lake County; she noted that 70-75% of their felons are released without a court date. Other issues include recidivism, jail overcrowding, and failure to appear. Lohra mentioned they spend a lot of money in Salt Lake County waiting for someone to appear who is not going to appear. She said they sat down and discussed three things 1) criminal justice principles; they need to balance the needs and demands of society with the goal of reducing recidivism, 2) social justice principles; they need to establish recidivism reduction and look for ways to provide flexible and effective diversionary and sentencing options, and 3) organizational principles; they want to integrate services throughout the entire criminal justice process and have collaboration among criminal justice and human service agencies. Lohra noted they need to find a way to resolve cases quicker. She reported they are reallocating their resources to the front-end of the criminal justice system and will have five seasoned attorneys working with their screening teams to screen cases. They will file the cases, determine cases that would be easily resolved, and suggest what the reasonable offer would be. This process will help resolve cases faster and will reduce caseload. Lohra said their roll-out date for the new court process is January 1, 2011.</p>
Agenda Item	National Advocacy Center
Notes	<p>Lohra Miller reported the National District Attorneys Association has an advocacy center where they train prosecutors in conjunction with the Department of Justice in South Carolina. Because of funding issues and the fear of losing training for prosecutors, Lohra has decided to try and bring a national training center for prosecutors to Utah. Senator Hatch has committed to help them bring this to Utah; at this time the concept was to train 5,000 to 7,000 prosecutors a year in a training facility that's co-located with the law school. They started working in Washington DC and found that under President Obama there is a great push by the innocence project and the American Bar Association to make sure that whatever they do for prosecutors, the same is available to indigent defense. When this issue became apparent they decided to change the center to a training facility for prosecutors and defense attorneys. This center would train 10,000 to 16,000 prosecutors and defense attorneys a year.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the State Capitol Complex, Senate Building, in the Copper Room.