

UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

MEETING NOTES

Committee:	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee
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Date:	Thursday September 17, 2009	Time:	10:00 – 11:30 am	Place:	State Capitol Senate Building, Spruce Room
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Members Present	Debbie Rocha, Maria Garciaz, Salvador Mendez, Shirlee Silversmith, Pat Berckman, Russ Van Vleet, Jerry Oler, Manuel Romero
Members Excused	Holly Martak, Narda Beas-Nordell, Kris Shaw, Judge Leslie Brown, Judge Larry Jones
Members Absent	Trudy Cropper and Debra Charleston
Staff & Guest	Reg Garff and Cuong Nguyen

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting. Debbie motioned to approve August 20, 2009 minutes; Maria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2:	Discussion: Relation with Fathers and Families Coalition of Utah
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue was tabled from the previous meeting when Frank Bedolla of the Fathers and Families Coalition of Utah (FFC) presented the organization’s structure and purposes. Frank asked for DMC participation and a networking relationship. DMC members discussed if and how to participate. Maria motioned to ask Frank send us his resume and ask what purpose will it serves if he is a DMC member. His membership will need approval from UBJJ Board. In reserve, we will ask Frank for Fatherhood Advisory Board member job description. DMC Subcommittee will decide if participation in their Advisory Board will serve the DMC mission. Salvador seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3:	POST – Progress Report – Cultural Diversity Curriculum - Debbie Rocha
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuong reported that the last law enforcement focus group was conducted on September 9 with 14 officers representing six different law enforcement agencies: Ogden, Harrisville, Park City, Taylorsville, SLCO Sheriff, Utah Highway Patrol, and two representatives from POST. West Valley, Sandy, South Salt Lake, and Utah County did not attend. Discussed next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Camille Anthony for contact person with the Center for Public Policy and Administration to consult and/or create the curriculum; Reg will check if a RFP is required for this work. POST Working Group meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7 at 2:00pm. Agenda: review current available curriculum, (UMCCC, SLPD, Sheriff, Human Services), develop objectives for the training and outcome; outline requirement of RFP if needed. Ask POST for financial commitment

Agenda Item 4:	Racial Data Entry – Update – Jerry
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Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CARE data system is able to generate monthly reports on racial data reporting. Jerry seeks recommendation on how often the Subcommittee needs the report. The Subcommittee asked Jerry for updates on the quarterly basis.
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Agenda Item 5:	Juvenile Court Policy: “Foreign Born Minors” – Jerry
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerry is a member of a committee that is in process of revising the “Foreign Born Minors” Policy for Utah State Courts. Jerry seeks advice and input from DMC Subcommittee members. Attached to the minutes is the current policy for review. Several issues were brought up during the discussion regarding compliance with the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offender core requirement of JJDPA. Is there a violation when an undocumented youth is held in detention? The policy gives probation officers and other personnel broad discretion on whether or not to report the undocumented case to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation assessment. Bias toward the youth can potentially occur due to individual assessment. Jerry seeks advice to build a concrete policy all can follow. The Subcommittee recommended looking at how the policy is affecting Juveniles Justice Services and DCFS youth. Jerry will forward the current policy to the Subcommittee and seek additional advice from members, including Treva Bell, State JJDPA Compliance Monitor.

Agenda Item 6:	2009 DMC Work – Progress Report
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY08 Data is available and a meeting with Data Working Group was conducted on August 6, 2009 regarding this year’s data. There were suggestions to further study the severity of offenses at the diversion point. Suggestions were also made to understand the sources of referral to juvenile courts. Cuong will work with Utah Criminal Justice Center for these data.

Agenda Item 7:	DMC Annual Retreat – All
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were several suggestions for location. They include the Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC), University of Utah College of Social Work (SOCWK), Court’s Training Facility, and Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). The Subcommittee suggested the SOCWK is first choice, UCCC second, and UDOT. Russ Van Vleet will check with the school to see if we can have a meeting place. Salvador will check the Court’s Training Facility. They both will let Cuong know. Reg, Pat, Maria, and Cuong will work as an organizing committee for the annual retreat. They will create the agenda and topics for the meeting. Subcommittee members are encouraged to submit ideas and topics to Cuong.

Agenda Item 7:	Remainder of 2009 Meeting Schedule
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 22, 2009 from 10:00 – 11:30am (Date change due to UBJJ Annual) November 12, 2009 from 8:00am - 4:00 pm (Date change due to DMC Annual) December, 2009: NO MEETING

Agenda Item 8:	Other Business
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuong reminded everyone of the 2009 Northern Utah Gang and Youth Violence Conference, and the OJJDP Annual Training.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 22, 10:00-11:30am, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Building, Copper Room.