

**Utah Board of Juvenile Justice**

**Meeting Notes**

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, Dec.2, 2005	<b>Time:</b>	8:00 – 10:30 am	<b>Place:</b>	Utah State Capitol Complex Beehive Room
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<b>Members Present</b>	Pat Berckman, Andria Burton, Adam Cohen, Gary Dalton, Michael Di Reda, Maria Garciaz, Gini Highfield, Max Jackson, Jennifer Jolley, Willard Malmstrom, Huy D. Nguyen, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Natalie Thornley, Paul Tsosie, Russ Van Vleet
<b>Members Excused</b>	Holly Martak, Lonnie Thomas
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Matt Davis
<b>Absent</b>	Gary Anderson, Judge Brown

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Welcome and Chair's Report</b>
Notes:	<p>Fred Peake welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Pat Berckman gave an update on the CJJ Fall Conference held in Seattle last month. She stated that 34 states were represented and many of them had DMC Coordinators. Some did not and others have only a Juvenile Justice Specialist. Utah has done some innovative things and looking at our RRI (Relative Rate Index) data as compared to other states, one can see that other states are struggling with the collection of that data. There were some good workshops on data collection. Russ Van Vleet added that the conference was especially good on detention reform. Three presentations were made regarding the collection and interpretation of data. The information provided at the conference made Russ realize that Utah doesn't have the same problems other states have, i.e. massive overcrowding, lawsuits, lack of alternatives, lack of staff training, turn-over and abuse and putting kids in detention for all sorts of reasons. Utah only holds kids based on what they've done, i.e. a felony or 3 misdemeanors (written in statute). Other states use assessment tools to determine detention placement. Detention reform goes back to the 1970's, yet CJJ continues to dwell on this subject. Russ feels that's not progressive and that they should move on to other issues. Russ also feels that our state could serve as an example to others.</p> <p>Collecting racial data used to be discouraged due to potential allegations of racism. Now this data is required, and many jurisdictions are encountering trouble with its collection. Utah's racial data collection is now at 94%.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>UBJJ Outcome Measures Report – Matt Davis</b>
Notes:	<p>Matt Davis presented program evaluation data collected the last 3 years. The data verified that the programs are targeting the correct population of kids. He noted the differences and lack of differences on some of the graphs and stated that sometimes even staying the same can be a good result as this population would typically worsen. The risk profile showed that a lot of the kids' attitudes have changed from beginning to end of programs and that 70 % of them are at risk for school failure. Some graphs showed an increase in drug/alcohol use, however, it is not uncommon for kids to experiment as they get older. The family domain showed the most improvement. We do have the data to showcase what we are doing. Matt will be visiting each of the programs to ensure that they are completing the evaluation and surveys and provide additional training. Delta's Strengthening Families Project has been very successful replicating two model programs. The programs that are struggling are the ones that don't comply with the survey collection.</p> <p>Reg presented a new policy on participation in the UBJJ Outcome Measures Survey.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Projects serving youth 12 years of age or older are required to participate in the UBJJ Outcome Measures Survey.</li> <li>2. All participating youth are required to complete pre-tests.</li> <li>3. At least 70% of those youth completing the pre-test must complete post-tests within the grant</li> </ol>

	<p>period.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Projects not completing surveys will receive a written warning advising of the requirement to participate in the survey and providing them the opportunity to begin participating within the next budget quarter.</li> <li>5. Projects not completing the surveys after the one quarter grace period funding will be suspended until participation in the survey resumes.</li> <li>6. If the program remains out of compliance for an additional quarter, grant funding will be terminated.</li> <li>7. Projects not completing 70% of the post-surveys will be sanctioned according to rules 4 &amp; 5.</li> </ol> <p>Gary Dalton made the <b>motion</b> to adopt this policy. Russ Van Vleet <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>
Notes:	<p><b>Pre-Adjudicated Committee</b> – Pat Berckman    No report</p> <p><b>Post-Adjudicated Committee</b> – Adam Cohen    Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Title V Committee</b> – Carol Page</p> <p>The Title V Subcommittee met this morning to discuss the two Title V grant applications that were submitted. One of them did not have a local government affiliation and the other was submitted late. Willard Malmstrom made the <b>motion</b> to deny Utah Peace Institute because it does not meet minimal Title V requirements, namely partnering with a unit of local government. Pat Berckman <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>. Pat Berckman made the <b>motion</b> to accept South Salt Lake City with modifications by including SL County Youth Services and other County/State entities and that they also strengthen their work and 3 year plan. Carol Page <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>. Maria Garcia stated that SSLC can call on her for assistance. She will also be willing to help the Pease Institute connect with someone from the University of Utah to help with their grant writing.</p> <p><b>Youth Committee</b> – Andria Burton</p> <p>Andria talked about finding someone in the media to be a VIP Judge. The committee is working hard on fundraising. Andria will contact Mike Young again and asked the board for names of those who might be considered for VIP Judge. Those suggestions included: Retired Judge Uno, Judge Valdez, Judge McCully, Chief Justice Durham, Assistant Superintendent Patrick Garcia, Superintendent Bowles, Judge Parrish, Richard Paul Evans and Rulon Gardner. The committee also discussed names of additional people who could be added to the committee. Those were: A superintendent, Patrick Garcia (assistant superintendent), a media or public relations representative, a teacher and a business representative.</p> <p>Andria said that while at the Chair Meeting in Las Vegas, it was suggested to try and get any local Katrina victims to write essays.</p> <p><b>DMC</b> – Mike Di Reda</p> <p>The DMC committee met yesterday and broke out into smaller sub-groups. One thing they are concentrating on is building up their membership. We need to add two legislators to our committee. Mike asked for suggestions. Two names suggested were: Ross Romero (D) and Julie Fisher (R). Carol Page will contact Julie Fisher and we'll ask Debbie Rocha to contact Ross Romero. There are several positions to fill and they are pushing hard to obtain a full time DMC Coordinator. Reg handed out a draft paper titled <i>Statewide RRI Summary Statements, Utah 2003 – 2004</i>, which simplified what the RRI data shows. Russ Van Vleet stated that Audrey Hickert has a definition that can be added to the handout. The paper describes in simplified terms what is happening in our state. Another thing to come from the DMC Committee is support for Duane Bourdeaux's bill on racial and ethnic fairness commission which will appear before the legislature in January. It has a fiscal note of \$122,000, which will cover one and a half full time positions to be housed in CCJJ to work on adult and juvenile matters. Hopefully, this will appear on the Governor's budget which will be released Dec. 9.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Reg Garff</b>
Notes:	<p>Reg encouraged all to get their monitoring visits done. The current budget hasn't changed much. All Title V has been allocated. Money remaining in FY 2003 is \$300. The FY 04 supplement has \$19,800 remaining. The FY 05 Title II has \$41,464 and the FY Title II Supplement has \$49,000. The Accountability Based Supplement was not included in the OJJDP funding for 2006. Our Title II Formula Grant will be decreased to \$600,000. Title V allocation for FY 06 will be zero. Challenge money is not funded anymore. JABG is the only grant that will be receiving approximately \$500,000.</p> <p>Reg hopes to have a draft of the 3 year plan for the January meeting.</p> <p>Two conferences are coming up. The 2006 OJJDP National Conference will be Jan. 9 – 13 in Washington DC. The CJJ 2006 Spring Conference – Adolescent Brain Development and Juvenile Justice will be May 3 – 7, 2006 in Washington DC.</p>

**The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2006 at 8:00 a.m., Neighborhood Housing  
Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse - Executive Secretary, CCJJ**