

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

Minutes

Date:	Friday, Sept. 22, 2006	Time:	8:00 – 10:30am	Place:	State Capitol Complex Seagull Room
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Members Present	Pat Berckman, Judge Brown, Adam Cohen, Michael Di Reda, Tonia Hashimoto, Jennifer Hernandez, Max Jackson, Holly Martak, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas, Natalie Thornley, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Gaby Anderson, Gary Anderson, Maria Garcia, Gini Highfield, Huy Nguyen, Carol Page
Absent	Paul Tsosie
Staff & Visitors	Matt Davis, Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse

Agenda Item:	Welcome and Chair’s Report
Notes:	Fred Peake called the meeting to order and recognized Russ Van Vleet for thirteen years of service to UBJJ. Russ will still be available as a valued staff member. Also announced was the confirmation of Tom Patterson as Executive Director of CCJJ. Tom is formerly the Utah Sentencing Commission Director.

Agenda Item:	Board Site Visits Reports
Notes:	There will be a Federal site visit next week. We will be visiting South Summit Mentoring, Polynesian Young Women, Salt Lake Youth Services Receiving Center, South Salt Lake Title V Project and Probation Officer Safety & Management Training (JABG). Matt Davis will present the evaluation project.

Agenda Item:	Organize Nominations Committee
Notes:	<p>Three board members, Judge Brown, Holly Martak and Tonia Hashimoto, volunteered to serve on the nominating committee for Chair Elect, Pre-adjudicated Vice-chair and Youth Committee Chair.</p> <p>Holly Martak nominated Maria Garcia for Chair Elect. Pat Berckman nominated Natalie Thornley for Pre-adjudicated Vice-chair. Holly Martak nominated Tonia Hashimoto for Youth Committee Chair. Max Jackson made the motion to cease nominations. Pat Berckman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p>

Agenda Item:	UBJJ Outcome Measures Update
Notes:	<p>Matt Davis gave a brief presentation of the outcome measures report that will be given at the annual meeting. A new question has been added to the survey asking if the youth gambled or not. The results are surprising. Three states that asked that question are Louisiana, Delaware and Nebraska. Of the 97,000 youth questioned in Louisiana, 28 percent responded that they had gambled within the past 30 days. Almost half gambled in the last year. Another interesting thing is that the rate remained the same throughout grade levels. Youth gambling has a very high correlation with delinquency. A question regarding use of Meth will be added to the survey.</p> <p>Matt will present the outcome evaluation at the OJJDP training conference on October 12.</p>

Agenda Item:	Committee & Other Reports
Notes:	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Holly Martak The youth committee has decided to have college students from Weber State, University of Utah and BYU perform the initial review of the essays this year instead of teachers. Top essays will then be forwarded to the UBJJ board and from there to the VIP judges.</p> <p>DMC – Mike Di Reda Mike has become aware that a problem arose regarding the Juvenile Rights video being shown at 2nd District Juvenile Court. It seems the problem has been corrected for the time being. One judge was not aware that our video had been approved by the Board of Juvenile Judges. The Committee is currently working with the AOC to ensure uniform distribution and use of the DVD throughout all juvenile courts in the state. Last month the committee worked on updating the DMC plan and will distribute it at today’s meeting. The recent DMC conference in New Orleans was good. Trudy Cropper and Maria Garciaz attended.</p> <p>Methamphetamine Subcommittee – Reg for Carol Page The Meth Subcommittee has created a new subcommittee for media relations. This new subcommittee is researching several ideas to get their message out prior to the upcoming legislative session.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>Please send in your suggestions for the Federal Advisory Committee survey to Reg.</p> <p>Title II Grant Applications – Reg The recommendations decided upon last month were presented to the CCJJ Executive Committee. Reg met personally with Representative Litvack regarding the Colors of Success program. Rep. Litvack is anxious to turn that program around and has changed their target group to younger age, twelve and under and will be using model curriculum developed for that age group. He will be making monthly reports and is scheduled to attend our December 1st meeting to present an update to the Board.</p> <p>CJJ Update – The Coalition for Juvenile Justice recently sponsored a DMC conference in New Orleans. Most states (34) have a dedicated DMC Coordinator. Some states have funded DMC coordinators with state money. States that emphasize programs specific to FPOC (first point of contact) with law enforcement, are most successful in reducing DMC numbers. Trudy reported that the POST training regarding how to deal with juveniles was very informative. Dave Schmidt from New Mexico, our Western Region Chair, was elected National Chair Elect. Rodney Cook, from Oregon, was elected Western Region Chair.</p> <p>CJJ Government Relations Committee – They had a meeting on the accountability based supplement. The coalition is going to continue pursuing ABS language and is working on changing the formula so disbursement is more equitable in future years.</p> <p>Please email your nominations for Youth Advocate of the Year to Reg.</p>

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
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