

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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Committee:	UBJJ BOARD MEETING
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Date:	Friday, February 2, 2007	Time:	8:00am – 10:30am	Place:	Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing
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Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Leslie D. Brown, Brittany Ennis, Maria J. Garciaz, Jessica Hernandez, Gini Highfield, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Huy D. Nguyen, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas
Members Excused	Michael Di Reda, Natalie Thornley, Paul Tsosie
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, and visitors Greg Jaboin, James Yapias, Russ Van Vleet
Members Absent	Gary Anderson, Adam Cohen, Tonia Hashimoto

Agenda Item:	Welcome & Chair’s Report
Notes:	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

Agenda Item:	Poder Para La Familia Hispana– James Yapias
Notes:	James expressed thanks for UBJJ support of Ocho Pasos the past three years. The goal is to reduce the disproportionate representation of Hispanic youth in Utah’s Juvenile Justice System. Ocho Pasos is an eight step gang intervention/prevention program targeting Hispanic gang members. The program provides bilingual intervention/prevention and education services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) youth and their parents. The program schedules intervention strategies that address the following eight domains: Culture, Education, Healthy Lifestyle, Social, Values, Career Exploration, Lifetime Recreation and Parent/Child. Ocho Pasos has demonstrated its ability to impact negative behavior with positive encouragement. There are plans to expand the program network and services in the coming year. There are currently 24 people in the program.

Agenda Item:	Young Refugees of Utah – Reg Garff
Notes:	<p>The Board has made numerous attempts over the past seven months to obtain an acceptable application and past due grant reports for the previous grant, 4J10 (the 4th Quarter Progress Report and the Final Year End Progress Report). The 4th Quarter Progress Report was due July 30, 2006 while the Final Year End Progress Report was due September 30, 2006. Neither report has been received. On June 14, 2006 a request was made for numerous upgrades and changes for the final year’s grant allocation. An application without all the necessary changes was submitted in July and a request for additional changes was made at that time. The revised application was never received.</p> <p>In October the Board voted to allow the project to postpone implementation until January, 2007. Notification was sent on two separate occasions that all past due reports and the application were due December 12, 2006. The reports and revised application were not received. After that deadline was missed, Reg continued to work with Buba to get all the necessary documentation submitted by January 12, 2007. Neither the reports nor the application were submitted. Finally, on January 25, 2007, Reg requested that the past due reports and application needed to be submitted by January 31, 2007. Again, nothing was received. The Project Director has not contacted Reg since that time.</p> <p>Fred Peake motioned to withdraw the authorization of the \$10,000 previously set aside for this</p>

	project and reallocate the money. Judge Brown seconded the motion. It passed unanimously .
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Agenda Item:	Family & Youth Connections – Greg Jaboin
Notes:	<p>Greg thanked UBJJ for support of their program. Family & Youth Connections is a program designed to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors against substance abuse by providing support services, life skills groups and case management services to families involved in the courts system. There are 8 – 10 weekly sessions with groups divided into elementary and middle school children. The curriculum focuses on (children ages 6 to 12): Addiction, Feelings, Problem Solving, Treatment & Recovery, Safe People, and Coping.</p> <p>The program is presently in their third year, second quarter of funding.</p> <p>Fourteen children are successfully enrolled from the Life Start Village into the Family & Youth Connections program. Two groups are presently running, back to back. By the fourth quarter, they expect analysis to see what the pre and post tests have revealed. They are looking for ways to keep the program going. Partners are being sought to augment the scope of the grant during the next funding cycle. They would like to provide more targeted programming and perhaps use comparative curricula to gauge effectiveness of delivery/educational tools. Pat Berckman made the motion to continue funding with monthly status reports. Judge Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p>

Agenda Item:	Committee & Other Reports
Notes:	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing UBJJ received just over 700 essays for the <i>Do the Write Thing</i> Challenge. Holly will take and distribute them to the various colleges for initial scoring. More than 1,100 essays were written from across the State. Thirty two teachers participated from 26 schools.</p> <p>DMC The DMC Committee will meet today, directly after this meeting. Maria Garciaz will chair the meeting. They will conduct a research project with 200 kids from secure care and will investigate how issues affect kids in the system. Mike Di Reda has asked to be excused from his duties as DMC Chair due to additional work responsibilities. Huy Nguyen and Judge Brown volunteered to serve on that committee.</p> <p>Holly Martak received a letter from Salt Lake County, Division of Youth Services, requesting UBJJ funding for registration scholarships for the 28th Annual Troubled Youth Conference (May 10-11 at Snowbird,Utah). Last year UBJJ provided \$4,000 in scholarships to the conference. The annual conference brings together Utah professionals working with youth from many disciplines and areas. Judge Brown made the motion to approve up to \$6,000 for this year’s conference. Gaby Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>CCJJ Update – CCJJ’s Executive Director, Tom Patterson, is now the Executive Director of the Department of Corrections. The new Director is Bob Yeates, who was the Sentencing Commission Director. Scott Carver replaces Bob Yeates as Director of the Sentencing Commission. Mike Haddon, our Director of Research is now Deputy Director at DOC and Chris Mitchell (former Deputy Director of DOC) will replace Mike at CCJJ.</p> <p>CJJ Update – They have had an ongoing contract with OJJDP for continued funding. OJJDP opened this up for competitive bids this year, and the coalition did not get that grant. Development Services Group (DSG) received the award.</p> <p>The Federal budget for FY07 never came to a conclusion and will run as a continuing resolution. Federal Award will be the same as last year, again absent the ABS supplement. The Title II Annual Update Plan is due the end of March. Title V is due the month after that. Reg will meet with Ray</p>

Wahl and Gabby Anderson on Monday to determine JABG allocations.
OJJDP Update – Reg and Treva attended training on compliance monitoring and core requirements. OJJDP would like us to monitor every police station and sub station in the state, as well as mental health facilities and prisons. Negotiations are ongoing.

Legislative Update –

The UBJJ executive committee meets each Monday at noon to review House and Senate bills. Please contact Reg or a member of the executive committee if you have any questions.

HB 190 - Controlled Substance Schedule Amendment

We are changing from support in concept to full support.

HB 197 – Amendments to Background Checks by Department of Health

Adam Cohen states that we should adamantly oppose this bill because it opens up children’s sealed records. The consensus is that we oppose this bill.

HB 326 – Repeal of Juvenile Justice Services Victim Restitution Account

Gaby says this one has been an accounting nightmare. She suggests we eliminate that restrictive account, and ask that the money be put in the general fund.

HB 228 – Penalty for Homicide of a Child

This bill is beyond our scope.

HB 286 – School Discipline and Conduct Amendments

Keep the hold position because there is not a clear definition of disruptive student. Please email Reg or Maria if you have concerns or questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March. 2, 2007, 8:00am

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