

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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

Agenda Item:	Welcome & Chair's Report
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Notes:	<p>Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Pat Berckman made the motion to approve the February minutes. Gini Highfield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Reg gave an update on recent CCJJ reorganization. The Senate approved Robert Yeates as CCJJ Executive Director. The Utah Substance Abuse Anti-Violence Council (USAAV) will change their focus to substance abuse issues exclusively. UBJJ will take over part of the anti violence component, which includes gang mini-grants in the amount of \$80,000, and UBJJ will review those grants. UBJJ will add a new committee to handle that. Max Jackson, Holly Martak, Gaby Anderson, Adam Cohen and Carol Page volunteered to serve on that committee. The RFP will go out the end of March and requests will be reviewed in April. Ned Searle, of the Domestic Violence Council, will now take on child abuse issues.</p> <p>There was a symposium yesterday at the Criminal Justice Center at the U of U that discussed the Adam Walsh Act. The U.S.Attorney General is proposing to make the Adam Walsh act retroactive (perhaps back six years) in that juveniles convicted of sex offenses committed before the AW Act would be listed on the National Sex Offender Registry. The soonest a juvenile could be taken off the registry would be 25 years. Prior offenders would have to appear and submit to finger and palm prints. The whole idea is problematic in that more victims will have to testify in court, additional competency requests for hearings would be held and costs would increase dramatically. Reg has a synopsis on this topic and will email it to the board members. Reg will also draft a letter on behalf of the UBJJ board and mail it by the April deadline. Russ Van Vleet mentioned that the Serious Youth Offenders (SYO) are not getting prison time because judges are putting them on probation, because they are certified as adults. It would be better to keep them as juveniles.</p>
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Agenda Item:	CJJ Update
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Notes:	<p>The Coalition for Juvenile Justice called an emergency board of directors meeting for March 24-25. They want a SAG chair from each state to attend. There are four principal goals for the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a forum for CJJ board of directors and national steering committee to convene independently for the first time in many years. 2. Make key decisions based on board consensus about ways to strengthen and expand CJJ's membership base and member engagement and to consider ways to create more efficient governance structure. 3. To determine the level of commitment to CJJ from the SAG's in terms of attendance at
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	<p>meetings, participation in discussion and leadership activities and paying some level of membership dues.</p> <p>4. To ensure that a comprehensive CJJ member-wide government relation strategy is in place. That includes your SAG, and supports SAG’s interests nationwide and reauthorization from the JJDPA and other critical federal matters.</p> <p>Holly has asked Adam to go in her place. Reg and Adam will to Minneapolis for the meeting.</p>
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Agenda Item:	JJDP Act Reauthorization Discussion – Russ Van Vleet
Notes:	<p>Russ Van Vleet gave a presentation on the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act. The history includes:</p> <p>Deinstitutionalization of status offenders</p> <p>Jail removal</p> <p>Sight and sound separation</p> <p>Reduction of Disproportionate minority contact</p> <p>JJDPA has been reauthorized for 30 years but usually zeroed out of President’s budget. National figures reflect that juvenile crime is decreasing, however the courts still handle 1.6 million delinquency cases annually and female offending is increasing. Ninety seven thousand youths are incarcerated (25% of them await court proceedings) and 250,000 youths are waived annually to adult court. Russ also discussed current status offenders and the JJDPA guiding principles and issues. More detail is needed regarding mental health issues. Russ suggests that dealing with families is the way to keep kids out of the system. Attention to the serious youth offender is needed to see if our worst kids have ended up on probation instead of being placed in secure confinement. Treva Bell suggested some language be added to Section 223 (a)(11) which Reg will email to the board members. We need to focus on the core requirements, not expanding the old material as mandated in the updates in the manual. Requirements must be evidence based.</p>

Agenda Item:	Committee & Other Reports
Notes:	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing</p> <p>Essays to be scored will be distributed to the board the end of next week. Holly will contact Nadine Wimmer regarding participation as a VIP Judge. Jennifer Jolly will contact Mike Young. Reg will contact Billy Schuffenhauer. The awards luncheon will be April 27th at the Governor’s Mansion.</p> <p>DMC</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Program Site Visits –</p> <p>None.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>Legislative Update –</p> <p>HB 286 – School Discipline and Conduct Amendments, did not pass</p> <p>HB 91 - Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice Funding, passed</p> <p>HB 395 - Waivers of Immunity – Exceptions, Reg will email an update on this bill and others that UBJJ monitored during the session.</p> <p>Title II and Title V Application Update –</p> <p>Reg just submitted the JABG application and Title II update is due this month. Next month the Title V application is due, there may not be any money however.</p> <p>Financial Update –</p> <p>Several grantees de-obligated money, so we have to spend that money within a certain time frame. There is \$19,000 in 2004 money that will expire in September. That money may be spent on any program our board desires to fund. Another option is to put out an RFP to grantees who turn in reports in a timely manner. Our 2005 money is at \$12,531 and the supplement for that year is at almost \$11,000. Our 2006 money is down to \$14,000. We will be left with \$34,000 after we fund all our continuation projects for the coming year. Reg recommends that we take those funds and</p>

	apply to the gang mini grants, rather than release an RFP. We obtained an extension on our 2004 money.
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	Please contact Reg if you would like to attend the Utah Gang Conference. Huy, Carol and Tonia indicated they would like to attend.
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The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2007, 8:00a.m. Utah State Capitol, Seagull Room.

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