

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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Committee:	UBJJ BOARD MEETING
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Date:	Friday, March 30, 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, Maria J. Garciaz, Jessica Hernandez, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Natalie Thornley
Members Excused	Leslie D. Brown, Gini Highfield, Huy D. Nguyen, Lonnie Thomas, Russ Van Vleet
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Robert Yeates and visitor Nellene Howard
Members Absent	Gary Anderson, Tonia Hashimoto, Paul Tsosie

Agenda Item:	Welcome & Chair's Report
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Notes:	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She recognized Judge Yeates, Executive Director of CCJJ, in attendance. Pat Berckman made the motion to approve the March 2 nd minutes. Maria Garciaz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously .
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Agenda Item:	CJJ Update
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Notes:	<p>Adam Cohen and Reg Garff attended the Juvenile Justice Symposium on March 1st in Minnesota. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice held a meeting for the board of directors. The purpose of the meeting was to re-frame the organization. CJJ did not receive a grant from OJJDP this year. Developmental Service Group (DSG) will provide SAG training this fall. CJJ is in the process of reorganizing in light of their changed relationship with OJJDP. They propose creation of a Board of Directors. The proposal is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Chair 2. National Vice Chair 3. Secretary/Treasurer 4. Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Chair 5. Youth Chair 6. Past Chair 7. National Specialist 8. Each of the 4 Region Chairs <p>There will be annual meetings. See http://www.juvjustice.org/conference_4.html for information on the CJJ Summit on Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, June 9-12, 2007 in Washington D.C. Let Reg know if you would like to attend A.S.A.P.</p> <p>The board needs to approve a response draft letter, written by Judge Yeates, regarding the JJDP Statement of Principles. Natalie Thornley volunteered to gather data on percentages of re-offending juvenile sex offenders in Utah. Max Jackson made the motion to approve the letter to be sent via email to the board for comment/review, and adding a DCFS component as discussed by Pat Berckman. Mike Di Reda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p>
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Agenda Item:	US Dream Academy – Nellene Howard
Notes:	<p>Nellene Howard presented a short DVD on the U.S. Dream Academy Mentor Program. The U.S. Dream Academy, Inc. is a national organization serving children of prisoners with after school programs and one-to-one mentors. In Salt Lake City, the USDA addresses the cycle of inter-generational involvement in the criminal justice system through a one-to-one mentor program for children of incarcerated parents.</p> <p>Children ages 5 – 14 who may have a parent, sibling, or grandparent currently incarcerated are eligible to receive a USDA mentor. Incarceration includes those in jail, prison, on parole or probation. There is no cost for this service. Mentors meet with children for one hour per week over the period of one year or more at a neutral location, which include: schools, Boys and Girls Clubs or public housing facilities.</p> <p>Mentors are recruited from local colleges, universities, faith-based organizations, and corporations. Mentors complete a volunteer application, an FBI criminal background check, a personal interview, and three references are contacted. A mentor application is available on the website www.usdreamacademy.org. The Dream Academy’s goal is to serve 100 kids by fall 2007. The program is federally funded but has no local funding at this time.</p>

Agenda Item:	Committee & Other Reports
Notes:	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing There will be an 8:30 board meeting before the awards luncheon on April 27th. Callister Nebeker & McCullough will generously sponsor the luncheon again this year. Heritage Bank has donated \$5,000. We are working with Zions Bank to set up \$100 savings accounts for the winners. The First Lady will host the event. Judge Valdez’s book, <i>No One Makes it Alone</i>, will be given to the VIP Judges and essay winners. Holly will get the invitations printed, and prepare labels to go in the books for the Judge’s autograph. This year we will invite principals of the winning students, as well as Verne Larsen (from Prevention Dimensions), Dawn Kay from the Utah Office of Public Education, the Kuwait America Foundation and Marion Mattingly. Next year we may go back to asking the teachers to send us the top two entries from their class. Maria Garcia volunteered to help promote <i>Do the Write Thing</i> to Salt Lake City schools during next year’s campaign.</p> <p>DMC We are working to establish a full time DMC coordinator. Having a coordinator in place will help maintain momentum. Utah is one of only about six states without a full time DMC coordinator.</p> <p>Program Site Visits – Maria is scheduled to visit Discovering Possibilities in April. Holly also has a visit scheduled for April.</p> <p>Federal Advisory Committee (FACJJ) The FAC will meet again soon. Gary Anderson is participating on their report review committee. There is a new chair. Dave Schmidt from New Mexico was relieved of that duty.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>Title II & Title V Application Update The Title II and Title V continuation applications to OJJDP were due yesterday. They have been successfully submitted. We have two options on use of Title V money. One, approach our previous grantees and have them come up with a new Title V project or let the money sit for a year and see if the following FY 08 budgets looks better. An accounting error was discovered, and we now have enough money to release an RFP for projects to start in October and to provide a state DMC coordinator.</p> <p>Financial Update</p>

	<p>The grant for the Troubled Youth Conference has been received that the board approved last month. Title V money will be expended shortly. Reg requested a short extension for the Delta project. Title II money for 2004 has \$19,190 remaining. The 2004 Supplement has \$5,395. The 2005 has \$12,532. The 2005 Supplement has \$11,000. The 2006 has almost \$15,000.</p> <p>Federal JJ Budget Response</p> <p>The board reviewed a draft letter written by Judge Yeates regarding the FY 08 Science, State, Justice and Commerce appropriations bill. Reg would like to add UBJJ board member's names to the letter. Reg has drafted a similar letter and will include a paragraph for each program and list some of the projects. An outcome report will be included.</p> <p>JJDPA Reauthorization</p> <p>Reg will email the document to everyone again. Please review it as a vote will be asked later.</p>
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Agenda Item	Other
Notes:	Items for the May agenda – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk about pros and cons for Utah. 2. Consider changing the by-laws to build memberships in as a standing seat.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2007, 9:00a.m. Utah State Capitol, Olmstead Room
 Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse - Executive Secretary, CCJJ