

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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Committee:	UBJJ BOARD MEETING
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Date:	Friday, June 29, 2007	Time:	8:00am – 10:30am	Place:	State Capitol Complex Seagull Room
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Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Leslie D. Brown, Adam Cohen, Michael Di Reda, Maria J. Garciaz, Tonia Hashimoto, Gini Highfield, Holly Martak, Huy D. Nguyen, Lonnie Thomas
Members Excused	Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Jessica Hernandez, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Paul Tsosie
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Russ Van Vleet and visitors Lani Taholo and Leticia Medina
Members Absent	Brittany Enniss, Maxwell Jackson, Natalie Thornley

Agenda Item:	Welcome & Chair’s Report
Notes:	Holly called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Maria Garciaz made the motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Judge Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously .

Agenda Item:	Polynesian Young Women – Lani Taholo
Notes:	Lani Taholo gave a presentation on the Polynesian Young Women project through Child & Family Empowerment Services, LLC. Their goal is to help prevent criminal behavior by teaching life skills to young Polynesian girls ages 12 to 18. Each course runs twelve weeks. The girls learn to navigate between Polynesian and American culture in an effort to develop their own identity. They define success by what they are able to internalize and the girls are asked to give a speech at the end of the course to explain all they’ve learned.

Agenda Item:	Dream Team – Leticia Medina
Notes:	Leticia Medina discussed the Dream Team project in Ogden that targets Latina girls in middle school and high school. The project currently gets referrals from the courts. Once a referral is received a visit is made to the family to see what protective factors are in the home. Sessions last six months. The program focuses on the family because conflict within their homes spills over into the community.

Agenda Item:	Committee & Other Reports
Notes:	<p>Adam Walsh Act Update – A new set of guidelines came out on May 30. One set of guidelines from the AG’s office were very strict. A second set was released by Smart Office. Reg recently had a phone conference put together by the CJJ working group with the National Juvenile Justice Network to talk about what other states are doing. Some states have adopted AW in its entirety, others reject it and others modify it. Some states are having the kids on the sex offender registry, but not making that registry public. Judge Yeates will soon meet with Rep. Paul Ray about his drafted legislation.</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Holly Martak July 14 – 18 is the D.C. trip. Jennifer Jolley and Jessica Hernandez will be going with our state finalists.</p> <p>DMC – Mike Di Reda We got a letter from OJJDP indicating we are still in compliance. There will be a national DMC coordinator volunteer through CJJ. We have approval to hire a full time DMC coordinator for</p>

	<p>Utah. The job description is presently at HR. Rich Townsend, director of POST will attend our DMC meeting today.</p> <p>CJJ Conference Update – Judge Brown thought it was very interesting. The government relations committee met the first morning and spent a lot of time talking about communication back to the different committees. One concern that surfaced is that we are receiving too many emails. While attending the second day break-out session, Judge Brown was amazed at how much better off we are here in Utah in regard to sight and sound restrictions. Reg attended a session on truancy, a real problem here and will forward contact information to Gini and Gaby.</p> <p>FACJJ Survey – Reg will fill it out and email it to the board and then add comments. It is due in July. We would like the elimination of the Adam Walsh Act, or at least to not have funding tied to it. Another big concern is keeping juveniles out of the adult system.</p>
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Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>Federal Budget Update - The President’s FY 2008 Budget Proposal under the Office of Justice Programs ends dedicated funding for juvenile justice and, instead, creates a new, discretionary, competitive grant program for states and local jurisdictions.</p> <p>The new mechanism for funding to the states and local jurisdictions also fails to ensure effective implementation of the JJDPA and other critical delinquency prevention efforts. If accepted, such a funding mechanism may steer federal allocations entirely away from core support for the JJDPA, federal core requirements, State Advisory Groups, and State Plans.</p> <p>Only the executive committee will meet in July. Please contact Reg if you would like to attend any of the upcoming conferences/training.</p>

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 31, 2007, 8:30 a.m. Utah State Capitol, Seagull Room
 Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse - Executive Secretary, CCJJ