

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Friday, December 7, 2007
Time	8:30am – 10:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol, East Office Building, Seagull Room
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Judge Leslie Brown, Maria Garciaz, Gini Highfield, Holly Martak, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Adam Cohen, Mike Di Reda, Brittany Enniss, Tonia Hashimoto, Maxwell Jackson, Huy Nguyen, Natalie Thornley
Members Absent	Jessica Hernandez, Paul Tsosie
Staff	Matt Davis, Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Karlie Lundell, Mike Tanana, Doreen Weyland, and Visitors J.J., Rosie Rivera, James Yapias
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Gaby Anderson made the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Fred Peake seconded the motion which passed unanimously . Gary Anderson and Bob Yeates honored Judge Brown with the Youth Advocate of the Year award. Judge Brown was recognized for his service to UBJJ and the youth across the nation for many years of dedicated service on the bench.
Agenda Item	Ocho Pasos Report and Update
Notes	James Yapias spoke about the Ocho Pasos program, which provides bi-lingual prevention/intervention and educational services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) youth and their parents. They provide services to 30 Hispanic gang-involved male youth. Ocho Pasos provides a positive environment to counteract negative behavior with positive experiences. The youth speak English, but many of their parents do not. In fact, most the parents are not literate even in their own language. The parents of the kids don't understand what a misdemeanor is, or that a grade "F" means failure rather than fantastico. Rosie helps the parents to better understand the education and criminal justice systems. She explains to them about gang colors and the legal system. Ocho Pasos has been in operation since September of 2004 and has provided services for 156 youth and their families. The program partners with: MADD, Salt Lake Metro Gang Task Force Unit, Rape Crisis Center, Red Cross, Naval Reserve Officers, Salt Lake/Tooele Applied Tech College, Club Ute, Job Corps, and Salt Lake County Sheriff Office. Because the program uses federal funds, they cannot help undocumented youth. A suggestion was made that Leticia Alvarez from the University of Utah may be able to help with undocumented youth.
Agenda Item	UBJJ Grant Outcome Measures Report
Notes	<p>Matt Davis reviewed his findings for 2007 from the risk and protective factor survey evaluations. The report studied the following points of interest:</p> <p>Do the programs target UBJJ funding priorities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes. Female target population is up 14%, however minorities were down 12%, with a total of 71% minority base. <p>Are the programs using empirically-based practices?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes. Most use a mixture, with programs targeting social skills and academics. However, many programs over-promise and try to do too much. <p>Do the programs target youth who can benefit?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes. Participants in most programs are more at risk and less protected than Utah

	<p>youth in general. However, two exceptions are the Vietnamese Youth Delinquency Prevention and Brigham City Boys and Girls Club programs. Both serve youth with better risk factors than the general public.</p> <p>Are the programs working?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes. The board set a benchmark of 60%. Program targets showing positive changes were 62% in 2006 and 63% in 2007. However, some of our reports are skewed because of high drop-out rates from one or more programs. <p>Mike Tanana reported on LEMY (Legal Equity for Minority Youth). There aren't a lot of programs that have been shown to reduce disproportionate minority contact. The LEMY group provides legal representation to minorities at no cost. Referrals come from intake at juvenile court. BYU law students also attended detention hearings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LEMY represented 354 minority youth in 455 cases. ▪ 25% of the youth in the LEMY program were less likely to be convicted of all charges. ▪ 3% were more likely to have all charges dismissed ▪ Most past research has shown legal representation to be an <i>aggravating</i> factor for juveniles <p>The key is competent counsel in juvenile court. Russ Van Vleet added that one of the national goals is to obtain more representation, and that we need to push for better education of law students regarding juvenile court. Reg suggested that we have a presentation in January on model court programs, in which all juveniles receive competent representation.</p>
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Agenda Item	Committee and Other Reports
Notes	DMC – There are 21 applicants for the DMC job. Fourteen are qualified and four are highly qualified. The position should be filled by the first week of January.

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Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>UBJJ Funding Priorities Review – We established our funding priorities at the November meeting; however we have yet to rank those priorities. Reg asked the board to review them and we will rank them at our January meeting because time is short today. Reg will use these priorities for the basis of the RFP that will be released in March.</p> <p>Financial Update – All the '04 money is spent. All of the 2005 Title II monies are allocated. The 2005 Supplement has \$6,795. The 2006 has \$2,142 remaining. Both of those expire in September 2008. The 2007 money has approximately \$150,000 left, however \$80,000 is ear-marked for the DMC Coordinator position.</p> <p>Utah Children Request – Voice for Utah Children is requesting funds to update and re-publish a book titled <i>Rights, Responsibilities, and Relationships</i>. Copies of the book will be provided to public libraries, middle school and high school libraries, principals and counselors statewide. Reg will invite the Executive Director, Karen Crompton to present at our January meeting.</p> <p>Our January meeting will be at Salt Lake County Youth Services and the February meeting will be at Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing.</p>

Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2008, SL Co Youth Services

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