

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Friday, February 22, 2008
Time	8:30am – 10:30 a.m.
Location	NeighborWorks Salt Lake – 622 West 500 North, Salt Lake City, Utah
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Judge Leslie Brown, Adam Cohen, Brittany Enniss, Tonia Hashimoto, Maria Garciaz, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Lonnie Thomas, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Mike Di Reda, Jessica Hernandez, Gini Highfield, Huy Nguyen, Carol Page, Fred Peake
Members Absent	Gary Anderson, Natalie Thornley
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen and Visitors Karen Crompton, Matt Davis, Luz Ganarra, Greg Johnson
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Maria Garciaz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Judge Brown made the motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Max Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Legislative Update – The last legislative review meeting will be on Feb. 25. All pertinent legislation is posted on the CCJJ website along with our stance on each. The board discussed the following legislation: HB 470 – Amendments to Animal Cruelty Provisions, allows additional prosecutorial discretion and allows for felony prosecution. The addition of companion animals will be in the re-draft. SB 75 – Prohibiting Gang Activity The board's position will remain as a hold on this one. There are some constitutional issues and the definition of loitering will be added. We may support if loitering is better defined.</p>
Agenda Item	Funding Requests
Notes	<p>Karen Crompton, executive director of Voices for Utah Children spoke to the board regarding a much needed update to the book <i>Rights, Responsibilities, and Relationships</i>. Karen would like to put the book on compact disk and also post on their website. The book offers systemic solutions to the challenges faced by youth and families. Funding would revise and update this valuable resource and be used to support the research, writing, editing, printing, and distribution of an updated book. Karen is asking for \$12,800.</p> <p>The newly formed Sevier Valley Substance Abuse Council is sponsoring a Central Utah Substance Abuse Conference on April 18 – 19 in Richfield, Utah. Their request in the amount of \$4,000 will help with the conference and efforts to prevent drug abuse in their community.</p> <p>Salt Lake County Division of Youth Services is requesting up to \$6,000 for scholarships for the 29th annual Troubled Youth Conference on May 8 – 9 in Snowbird, Utah. These scholarships make it possible for agencies that have Title II grants and other public and private agencies throughout the state to send counselors, probation officers, educators, caseworkers, case managers, and others to this beneficial training. Judge Brown made the motion to fund Utah Children with \$6,796, and allow someone from</p>

	UBJJ to participate in the re-write, \$5,000 toward Troubled Youth Conference scholarships, and up to \$4,000 for Sevier County providing they submit an agenda and budget. Gabby Anderson and Pat Berckman volunteered to be contacts for Utah Children. Maria Garciaz seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Program Development Evaluation Model
Notes	<p>Matt Davis gave a presentation on the Outcome Evaluation process and a program development model. The current structure has three questions: Are we using empirically based practice? Are we targeting youth who can benefit? And do the youth change? Three problems are tending to occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The programs might develop their services without any regard as to whether or not they are effective. 2. Programs tend to over-promise. 3. Program drift (they start drifting away from the original intent of the program). <p>Matt proposes that the RFP set up a structure that focuses by year. The grant applications can be changed accordingly.</p> <p>Year 1: Did the program target participants who may benefit? Were quality components implemented? Develop a program manual. Measure satisfaction (an OJJDP performance measure). Provide a report with suggested quality improvements.</p> <p>Year 2: Is the program improving? Begin measuring change (also an OJJDP performance measure).</p> <p>Year 3: Effectiveness – Do the youth show change in behavior and attitudes?</p> <p>The UBJJ board may want to make funding contingent on improvement each year</p>
Agenda Item	Committee and Other Reports
Notes	<p>Title V – The commission approved funding for the final year of South Salt Lake’s project.</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – We received 598 essays from seventeen teachers, representing fifteen different schools. The top 90 will be determined and essays will shortly be mailed to the board for scoring. Some VIP judges are still being sought. The awards luncheon will be on May 2.</p> <p>DMC – The committee is happy to have Cuong Nguyen as coordinator. Chris Mitchell will present today regarding a research survey on first contact with law enforcement. Maria Garciaz and others are still working on scenarios for POST trainers.</p>
Agenda Item	Model Court
Notes	<p>Greg Johnson, Chief Probation Officer for the Western Region, gave a presentation on the Third District Juvenile Court Pilot Project. There is one court room in Salt Lake and another in Tooele county. See www.ncjfcj.org/ to view the sixteen key principles to improving juvenile justice. The Courts chose to start with the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set standards for timeliness 2. Provide defense counsel 3. Conduct effective reviews <p>Their outcome measures include: Timeline reports, recidivism, and surveys from judges, defense counsel, probation, clerical, law enforcement, Juvenile Justice Services, prosecution and detention. Greg presented statistics from Salt Lake County versus Model Court Urban for 2006 on detained and non-detained incidents.</p> <p>The juvenile court has the same DMC data that is in CARE.</p>

Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Paul Tsosie has resigned from the board. Please email Reg with the name of any you can recommend. His replacement should preferably not be a full-time government employee. There are seven vacancies in all. Those whose terms have expired will graciously continue until they can be replaced.</p> <p>Reg distributed a new site visit form to the board to review and asked for comments or suggestions to be emailed to him within the next two weeks.</p> <p>Please respond to Gini Highfield with your top ten priorities for the FACJ survey.</p> <p>Reg informed board members of the upcoming Coalition for Juvenile Justice's conference calls to focus on reauthorization of the JJDPA. CJJ is soliciting our participation. There are two time slots available and Reg will let the board know in which time slot he will be participating.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2008, Utah State Capitol Complex

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