

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, September 17, 2009
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Brittany Enniss, Gini Highfield, Max Jackson, Spencer Larsen, Judge James Michie, Troy Rawlings
Members Excused	Karen Crompton, Craig Dearden, Maria Garcia, Huy Nguyen, Fred Peake, Pam Vickrey
Members Absent	Natalie Thornley
Staff	Reg Garff, Cuong Nguyen, Doreen Weyland and visitors Patrick Garcia, Hema Katoa, Lani Taholo and Rebecca
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Adam Cohen called the meeting to order in Maria Garcia's absence. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Gaby Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports
Notes	<p>Youth Committee – Brittany announced that she has accepted a position with a law firm in New York and will be moving within the month. The youth committee met three weeks ago to go over the 2010 challenge and to send out teacher packets to principals and schools. The youth committee needs more members.</p> <p>DMC Committee – Pat Berckman reported on the focus groups with law enforcement on diversity training. Cuong stated that talks with POST resulted in an increase of diversity training there from two to four hours. Cuong would like diversity training to be mandatory. Susan Burke is gathering data on diversion cases from Weber and Utah Counties. Cuong will meet with Utah County on October 5 and with Weber County on October 21.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Site Visit Review – Tooele, which is doing well, was discussed at a previous meeting. Max Jackson visited the Boys and Girls Club of Weber/Davis, which is also doing well. As previously reported, Adam Cohen and Pat Berckman visited Girls with a Voice and Gini Highfield and Pat visited Neighborworks. Reg encouraged everyone to get their site visits done in the next month or two.</p> <p>Finance Update - Reg reported that the '07 account has \$3,140, the '08 account has \$5,587 and the '09 account has \$3,648 remaining. The '07 and '08 money needs to be spent by September 2010. Reg expects the allocation levels for the future to remain the same, at \$600,000.</p> <p>Membership Update – Please check your membership information for accuracy and notify Reg of any changes. Russ Van Vleet has been added to the list as well as Patrick Garcia. Charri Brummer, the deputy director of DCFS has been approved by the governor and will join us next month. Two to three new youth members are needed. Please let Reg know if you have any ideas for youth membership.</p> <p>Youth Advocate of the Year Nominations – Nominations are due today.</p> <p>OJJDP Site Visit Letter – The letter praised efforts of Reg Garff, Treva Bell and Cuong Nguyen and CCJJ's timely submittal of progress reports. One recommendation was that CCJJ consider additional opportunities for collaboration with the Utah Highway Safety Office and the EUDL coordinator. The second recommendation was to request that new SAG members receive training once their appointment is made.</p>

	Gini commended the UBJJ board, staff and particularly Reg, for efforts in achieving such a great performance letter.
Agenda Item	Pacific Islander Young Women Life Skills
Notes	Lani Taholo and two of her staff members spoke about the Pacific Islander young women group and about some of the group's successes. Three letters from past group members were read. All were very favorable, complimentary and filled with gratitude. Some of the older girls, past graduates, now serve as mentors to the younger girls.
Agenda Item	Round Table
Notes	Pat Berckman talked about the possibility of receiving centers losing funding during the next legislative session. The Board was highly concerned about these potential closures. Reg reported that all of the police focus-groups also expressed concern. It was reported that they use receiving centers more often than detention centers and that the receiving centers are a valuable resource for law enforcement.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 8a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2009, UDOT 4501 South 2700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119

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