

SENTENCING COMMISSION MINUTES

Committee	Utah Sentencing Commission
Date	Wednesday, January 2, 2008
Time	Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Location	State Capitol Complex, Beehive Room
Members Present	Paul Boyden, Augustus Chin for David Brickey, Judge Terry Christiansen, K.S. Cornaby, Scott Daniels, Judge Kimberly Hornak, Rep. Eric Hutchings, Dan Maldonado, Jim Marchel, Tom Patterson, Kathy Reimherr, Chief Ed Rhoades, Doyle Talbot, Kirk Torgensen, Bob Yeates
Members Excused	Judge Jeffrey Burbank, Senator Mike Dmitrich, Representative Carl Duckworth, Curt Garner, Marlene Gonzalez, Senator Jon Greiner, John Hill, Representative Eric Hutchings, Randy Kester, Judge Paul Maughan, Judge Gregory K. Orme, Sheriff Brad Slater, Sy Snarr
Staff	Scott Carver, Jo Lynn Kruse, Chris Mitchell
Visitors	Gaby Anderson, Cliff Butter, Senator Gene Davis, John Dewitt, Rob Layton, Adria Swindle
Agenda Item	Welcome and Approval of Minutes
Notes	Kay Cornaby called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Scott Daniels made the motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Kirk Torgensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Review of Juvenile Justice Services
Notes	<p>Dan Maldonado and John Dewitt gave an overview of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) outcomes in sentencing from the past few years. JJS, formerly known as Youth Corrections, is a custody agency for juveniles.</p> <p>Early Intervention Services (EIS), is comprised of the following: Receiving Centers, Youth Services, Home Detention, Diversion, Work Camps and State Supervision. The primary focus of EIS is to prevent youth from digressing further into the juvenile justice system and to keep youth at home or return them home as soon as possible.</p> <p>Community based services include case management, observation and assessment, community programs and transition.</p> <p>Correctional facilities administer locked detention centers and long-term secure care facilities along the Wasatch front.</p> <p>Rural programs are comprised of services similar to those provided in urban areas but address the unique challenges of rural settings, and include: Receiving Centers, Shelter, Locked Detention, State Supervision, Community Programs, Youth Services, Home Detention, Case Management, Observation and Assessment and Secure Facilities.</p> <p>A summary of Bed Days Provided shows an increase because the focus is on rehabilitation. Bob Yeates noted that the state is being successful because we're matching kids to the right resources, providing early intervention work and risk assessment, and tailoring programs to kids that are designed to meet their needs. Dan credits the 30 percent drop in misdemeanor convictions to current levels of resources.</p>
Agenda Item	Henry's Law Review
Notes	Senator Gene Davis spoke about SB 102, known as Henry's Law, an animal torture bill. The

	bill takes animal torture to a felony level if convicted (on the first offense). The bill includes a definition of "torture". Paul Boyden extended an offer to help to Senator Davis if needed.
Agenda Item	Review of 2008 Proposed Bills
Notes	<p>Scott referred to a handout list of proposed bills for 2008 that are of interest to the Sentencing Commission. They are:</p> <p>HB 10 – Disclosure of Identity to Police Officer HB 87 – Primary Seat Belt Law HB 90 – Expungement Amendments HB 97 – Court Ordered Restitution Costs of Incarceration HB 236 – Abortion Law Revisions HB 247 – Domestic and Dating Violence Amendments SB 52 – Identify Theft Amendments SB 102 – Animal Torture Offense HB 237 – Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act SB 16 – Exoneration and Innocence Assistance SB 105 – Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission</p>
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	Scott referred to a page in the handouts titled <i>Sex Offenses</i> . It is an updated list taken from the <i>Penalty Distribution of Selected Crimes</i> booklet that now notes registerable offenses and lifetime registerable offenses. This updated list will be included in the next edition of that booklet.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be the annual meeting on April 9, 2008, Utah Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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