

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999
Governor's Board Room
State Capitol
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Present

Craig Barlow/Jan Graham
Georgia Block
Rep. Afton Bradshaw
Richard Carling
Curt Garner/ Mike Sibbett
Richard Greenwood/Craig Dearden
Pete Haun
Sen. Joseph Hull
Mark Jones/Dan Becker
Richard McKelvie
Dan Maldonado/Gary Dalton
John T. Nielsen
Marilyn Sandberg
Sheriff Spanos/Lt. Van Wagoner
David Yocom

Excused

Judge Joseph Anderson
Dan Becker
Gary Dalton
Craig Dearden
Jan Graham

Chief Richard Hendricks
Judge Sandra Peuler
Mike Sibbett
Gregory Skordas
Ron Vance

Staff/Visitors

Camille Anthony
Jim Behunin
Mary Boudreau
Paul Boyden
Marvin Dodge
Ron Gordon
Mike Haddon
Jennifer Hemenway
Jennifer Hogge
Ed McConkie
Ron Oldroyd
John Schaff
Bryant Smith
Helen Stromberg
Dave Walsh
Richard Ziebarth

Chair Richard Carling convened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance, asking that Judge Anderson and Chief Hendricks be excused. Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

Paul Boyden was presented with a plaque for his years of service as a member of the Commission. Camille thanked him for his insight, leadership and for being a great resource for the Commission.

Justice Group. The Governor has impaneled two advisory committees on safe schools and weapons issues. Marty Stephens and Lane Beattie have asked the Judiciary, Law Enforcement and

Education Interim to make recommendations on these issues to the Legislature over the next 90 days. The Justice Group will advise the Governor regarding dangerous weapons. The Justice Group is comprised of the following individuals: Paul Boyden, Camille Anthony, Craig Dearden, Ferris Groll, Aaron Kennard, Wayne Shepherd, Ken Brown, Doug Bodrero and Brent Johnson.

Juvenile Court Process Audit. Legislative Auditor, Jim Behunin presented on the second section of the Juvenile Justice Audit. The audit focused on the processing of cases through the Juvenile Court starting with law enforcement and going through the court process. The audit was requested by the Juvenile Justice Task Force. Their concern was the process of handling juvenile delinquency cases was not timely enough, in so far, that juveniles were allowed to commit new offenses before they were tried or the system could intervene. He gave a brief review of their findings. The Auditors made the following recommendations: 1) The Utah Chiefs of Police Association and the Utah Sheriffs Association encourage its members to identify ways to reduce the time it takes to submit reports to the juvenile court; 2) That the Administrative Office of the Courts, as well as, individual juvenile court districts identify ways to reduce the time required to perform the court intake process and the court hearing process; and 3) Suggest that the Legislature require the juvenile court to supply more precise analysis of the work load of juvenile court staff and judges to support their request for additional court personnel.

Crime Reduction Plan and Grant. The crime reduction planning grant goes back to Rep. Swallow's bill. Funding for this grant is effective July 1, 1999. Camille has met with the Chiefs and will be meeting with the Sheriffs Friday, May 21, 1999. The Chiefs have decided to formulate a plan as a group (with some assistance from CCJJ) and have designated 8 chiefs to work on the plan. They are open to having the sheriff's participate in the same process if they elect to do so.

Mike Haddon, Richard Ziebarth and Chevan Nanyakara attended CompStat training in New York City. Mike presented information from the conference on a crime control model they are using in New York. There was some discussion about the reality of imposing such a model on the local jurisdictions throughout the state. Camille stated that Utah Tomorrow is currently the statewide crime plan. However, somehow between now and when the report is due in the fall the Commission has to figure out how all the pieces fit and how to make it a statewide philosophy and focus and yet allow the local jurisdictions and individual state agencies to apply it in a way that makes sense to them.

Crime Reduction Task Force. The first meeting of the Crime Reduction Task Force is scheduled for June 2, 1999 with a second scheduled for June 30, 1999. These first two meetings will focus on Utah's drug problem. The suggested agenda would include: Leon Povey, Director of Substance Abuse; Leticia Medina, Hispanic Affairs Offices; Don Mendrala, DEA Metro Task Force; Lt. Kevin Christensen, Tri County Task Force; Russ Peck, Washington County Strike Force; Kevin Youngberg, CID; Pete Haun, Department of Corrections; Gary Dalton, Youth Corrections; and Mike Sibbett, Board of Pardons Chair. Mark Jones suggested having Charles Illsley give his methamphetamine presentation. Drug Courts would probably be included in the second meeting

NCJA Western Regional Meeting. Paul Warner is going to speak at the NCJA Western Regional Meeting instead of someone from the Justice Department. However, if there are not at least 30 registrations by Friday Camille is going to cancel it.

Federal Juvenile Justice Legislation. Senator Hatch's Senate 254 Bill has turned into a gun bill. The House version has one provision that is not friendly to the states and particularly not to Utah. It does not allow the waiver of the pass-through requirement to local jurisdictions. This becomes a problem because Utah has a state based juvenile justice system. If these two bills pass then the waiver problem would have to be worked out in the conference committee.

Forfeiture Audit. There is a lot of concern in the Legislature about what is going on with forfeitures and how they are done. During the legislative session there was quite a difference in opinion as forfeitures were discussed and debated. The auditors plan to begin their audit on forfeitures at the first of next week. The Forfeitures Audit has been moved to number one on their priority list.

1-877-SAFERUT. Last week the Governor announced through the Department of Public Safety a tip line called SAFERUT. This is a tip line that can be used by anyone through out the state. BCI is taking the calls and referring them to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. AT&T has donated the first \$1,000 for this program and there is some feeling they may put even more money into the program.

This was Richard Carling's last meeting as chair of the Commission. He was recognized and honored for the years of service he has given to the State of Utah as Chair of the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. Governor Leavitt took a few minutes to express his appreciation to Mr. Carling for his service.

Next Meeting. Tuesday, June 15, 1999 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 405 of the State Capitol.