

UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

MEETING NOTES

Committee:	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee
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Date:	Thursday Sept. 18, 2008	Time:	11:00 – 12:30 pm	Place:	State Capitol Building Room 450
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Members Present	Narda Beas-Nordell Det. Trudy Cropper Judge Larry E. Jones Manuel Romero	Pat Berckman Debbie Rocha Kris Shaw Russ Van Vleet	Gerry Oler Maria Garciaz Judge Leslie D. Brown Fotu Katoa
Members Excused	Shirlee Silversmith Salvador Mendez	Luther Gaylord	Huy Nguyen
Members Absent	None		
Staff & Guest	Staff: Reg Garff Cuong Nguyen	Guest: Michael Tanana	

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman
Notes	Introductions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome! Review minutes; • Motion to approve minutes: Judge Brown. Second: Maria. Passed unanimously. <p>Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat proposes new meeting time for DMC Subcommittee. Members agree to move the meeting to start at 10:00 am on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Agenda Item 2:	Presentation – Mike Tanana
Notes:	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Mike Tanana of Utah Criminal Justice Center presented the most recent study about the disproportionate minority representation in the Utah’s Juvenile Justice System. The study compares the minority youth to those of general population (white youth) to answer “<i>How do sentences differ for minorities vs. Caucasian youth in Secure Care and Transferred to Adult Court?</i>” The study found that in the controlled factors: gender, criminal history, most severe presenting offense, and age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Latino/Hispanic youth were 1.3 times more likely to receive a more severe sanction than Caucasian youth ▶ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander youth were 1.6 times more likely to receive a more severe sanction than Caucasian youth <p>Committed to secure care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ African American youth were 3.2 times more likely to receive secure care than Caucasian youth ▶ Latino/Hispanic Youth were 1.8 times more likely to receive secure care than Caucasian youth

	<p>Transferred to adult court:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Latino/Hispanic Youth were 6.7 times more likely to be transferred to adult court than Caucasian youth ▶ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander youth were 7.7 times more likely to be transferred to adult court <p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuong will forward the full study to DMC members. • Reg shared that the Juvenile Court Report Card to the Community is available and will publish on major newspaper this weekend. Online access to report is available at: http://www.utcourts.gov/courts/juv/docs/Juv-Community_Report_Card-008_English.pdf or to go http://www.utcourts.gov/courts/juv/ and click on the link it says: Juvenile Court Report Card to the Community. Reg also recommended inviting Raechel Lizon to present at next meeting.
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Agenda Item 3:	POST – Debbie Rocha
Notes:	<p>Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie updated members on the role play of youth scenarios. POST will use the youth scenario on Thursday September 25, 2008 from 10 to Noon. Direction to the POST is attached and POST encourages all DMC members to attend.

Agenda Item 4:	Racial Data Entry – Gerry Oler
Notes:	<p>Update and Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry presented the Delinquency Referrals by Race from the CARE system. Discussion followed with concerns about the high percentage of “Cannot Determine” category. Gerry reported that the court administrator is working to improve the reporting. • Gerry provided an update on Utah’s DMC Data Definitions. He reported that the Transfer to Adult Court definition is relevant to Utah’s Juvenile Codes. The Order to Show Cause at the point of “Referral” and “Petition” analyzed separately for OJJDP reporting purposes and together for Utah DMC efforts. • Data analysis will occur when the data request to court is completed.

Agenda Item 5:	Other Business – All
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting dates for this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. October 30: DMC b. November 13: DMC Annual Meeting. Cuong is working with Pat, Maria, and Reg to draft the agenda. • The OJJDP DMC Conference of 2008 has postponed until Fall of 2009 due to various reasons that the OJJDP Office has yet to publish. • The Oregon Summit on DMC in Portland is November 17 and 18. Interested members should let Cuong know. Reg sent out the draft agenda and will forward the final agenda when it becomes available.

Meeting adjured at 12:20pm

Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 10:00-11:30 p.m. - State Capitol Complex, East Capitol Building, Olmstead Room.

Meeting notes prepared by Cuong Nguyen, DMC Coordinator