

**Utah Board of Juvenile Justice**

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>UBJJ ANNUAL MEETING</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	Friday, October 27, 2006	<b>Time:</b>	8:00am – 4:00pm	<b>Place:</b>	Cabela's 2502 W Grand Terrace Pkwy, Lehi, Utah
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<b>Members Present</b>	Gaby Anderson, Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Leslie D. Brown, Adam Cohen, Michael Di Reda, Jessica Hernandez, Gini Highfield, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas, Natalie Thornley, Paul Tsosie
<b>Members Excused</b>	Brittany Ennis, Maria J. Garcia, Huy D. Nguyen
<b>Staff</b>	Julie Christenson, Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Matt Davis, Tom Patterson, and visitors Duane Betournay, Susan Burke, Dan Maldonado, Christine Monroe, Howard Hastings, Russ Van Vleet
<b>Members Absent</b>	Tonia Hashimoto

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Welcome New Members and Introductions</b>
Notes:	<p>Fred Peake called the meeting to order. Nominations from the last meeting were: Maria Garcia for Chair Elect, Natalie Thornley for Pre-adjudicated Vice-chair and Tonia Hashimoto for Youth Committee Chair. Gary Anderson made the <b>motion</b> to close nominations and approve those nominated. Judge Brown <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p>Reg introduced Tom Patterson, former Sentencing Commission Director and the new CCJJ Executive Director. Reg distributed a brochure from the Sentencing Commission titled <i>A Statement Regarding Utah's Indeterminate Sentencing System</i>. The document (which may be found on the following website, <a href="http://www.sentencing.utah.gov">www.sentencing.utah.gov</a>) explains why Utah does not have a <i>Jessica's Law</i>. Utah has a very good system that works well.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>FACJJ Report</b>
Notes:	<p>Gary Anderson just got back from the FAC conference in South Carolina. The committee is getting better all the time and Robert Flores (Director of OJJDP) is becoming more responsive to the committee. Gary is amazed at how progressive Utah is in almost every area regarding our juvenile justice system. The new National trend is to have money follow the child, rather than program driven and have a child go from agency to agency. This allows more flexibility in services for children. Florida is doing this now and has a special auto license plate to raise money for juvenile justice, raising six million dollars in the first year. Florida also has a new data collection system for their DMC program. They start from point of arrest and progress all the way through the system. There is also Medicaid funding available to juveniles in facilities. The JJDP act may add mental health to the core requirements. In some areas, up to eighty percent of the kids in the system have mental health problems. There is huge disagreement among the states. Now that the Supreme Court struck down the death penalty, they want to strike down life without parole too.</p> <p>Arkansas is placing juvenile probation officers in the schools. They've co-opted the schools (mostly junior high and high schools) into their juvenile court system and done so successfully and find it is very cost effective.</p>

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Notes:	<p><b>Do the Write Thing-</b> Holly Martak  We have contacted the schools again. Reg contacted Weber State. BYU and U of U agree to have college students read and score the DTWT essays. A letter signed by the Governor will be sent to all middle school principals. January 22, 2007 is the deadline for receiving essays. Last year we received just over 1000 essays and would like to see at least 1500 this year. The entry and teacher forms posted on the web have been consolidated. Teachers who have participated before have allowed us to post their lesson plans on the web.</p> <p><b>Federal Funding Update – Reg Garff</b>  The Conference committee has not met yet, so we still don't know about next year's budget.  2003 - balance zero  2004 - \$12,185 money back. Reg has requested a one year extension and we have until Sept. 2007 to spend it. The FY 04 supplement has \$1,017 remaining.  2005 - \$1144. The supplement has \$ 5,000 remaining.  2006 - \$13,000 remaining.</p> <p><b>Grant Monitoring Assignments 2006 – 2007</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="347 705 1523 1335"> <tr><td>Kids-At-Hope</td><td>Gaby Anderson, Max Jackson</td></tr> <tr><td>Washington Co. BBBS</td><td>Gaby Anderson, Holly Martak, Pat Berckman</td></tr> <tr><td>Young Refugees of Utah</td><td>Fred Peake, Mike Di Reda</td></tr> <tr><td>Delinquency Prevention</td><td>Paul Tsosie</td></tr> <tr><td>South Summit Mentoring</td><td>Natalie Thornley</td></tr> <tr><td>Family &amp; Youth Connections</td><td>Holly Martak, Tonia Hashimoto</td></tr> <tr><td>Technology Literacy</td><td>Gaby Anderson, Max Jackson</td></tr> <tr><td>Discovering Possibilities</td><td>Maria Garciaz</td></tr> <tr><td>Grandfamilies</td><td>Jessica Hernandez, Pat Berckman, Natalie Thornley</td></tr> <tr><td>LEMY</td><td>Gary Anderson, Judge Brown</td></tr> <tr><td>Truancy Mediation</td><td>Adam Cohen, Lonnie Thomas</td></tr> <tr><td>Ocho Pasos</td><td>Mike Di Reda</td></tr> <tr><td>The Dream Team</td><td>Gini Highfield, Huy Nguyen</td></tr> <tr><td>PRA Enhancement</td><td>Adam Cohen, Judge Brown</td></tr> <tr><td>Polynesian Young Women</td><td>Holly Martak, Brittany Enniss, Gini Highfield</td></tr> <tr><td>Reconnecting Youth (Title V)</td><td>Carol Page</td></tr> <tr><td>SSSL After School (Title V)</td><td>Maria Garciaz</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Annual Report to Governor/Legislature –</b>  A copy of the 2005 UBJJ Annual Report is included in the packet, and highlights the DMC Committee and the Outcome Measures Evaluation. The best thing we can do to better our relationship with the Legislature is to develop personal relationships with the legislators and making ourselves available to them. A document is more likely to be read by the legislator if it is given to them personally as opposed to putting something in their mailbox. We will be producing our annual report in a month or so and would like to make it concise and available to the Legislature. Gary Anderson suggested that we state what our work is and highlight our priorities. A list of the grants that we fund could be included as well as statistics. Utah really needs a DORA project for juveniles. Requests for funding should not be included in this report because the Governor needed that information by the first of October.</p> <p>The need for a legislative subcommittee (perhaps our executive committee) was discussed. We are not allowed to spend any federal monies on lobbying, that has to be done on our own time.</p>	Kids-At-Hope	Gaby Anderson, Max Jackson	Washington Co. BBBS	Gaby Anderson, Holly Martak, Pat Berckman	Young Refugees of Utah	Fred Peake, Mike Di Reda	Delinquency Prevention	Paul Tsosie	South Summit Mentoring	Natalie Thornley	Family & Youth Connections	Holly Martak, Tonia Hashimoto	Technology Literacy	Gaby Anderson, Max Jackson	Discovering Possibilities	Maria Garciaz	Grandfamilies	Jessica Hernandez, Pat Berckman, Natalie Thornley	LEMY	Gary Anderson, Judge Brown	Truancy Mediation	Adam Cohen, Lonnie Thomas	Ocho Pasos	Mike Di Reda	The Dream Team	Gini Highfield, Huy Nguyen	PRA Enhancement	Adam Cohen, Judge Brown	Polynesian Young Women	Holly Martak, Brittany Enniss, Gini Highfield	Reconnecting Youth (Title V)	Carol Page	SSSL After School (Title V)	Maria Garciaz
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	<p>A new draft of By-Laws for UBJJ is also in the packet. Please read it and be prepared to discuss at the December 1st meeting.</p> <p>Grant Project Updates – Rep. David Litvack met with Duane Betournay of DCFS and Pat Fleming of Salt Lake County Substance Abuse as well as case workers with DCFS to try and generate referrals. He has not received any to date. They report to UBJJ monthly. Colors of Success is asking for a grant change Their funding is currently used for administration; they are not asking for additional funds, they are just seeking to add an additional staff member to work directly with case workers and individuals. Gini Highfield made the <b>motion</b> to allow them to redirect funding. Judge Brown <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p>Matt Davis went out several times to survey kids in the Young Refugee program. One of those times, no kids were there, another time not much was going on. Buba is requesting that her program be suspended until January when the program can be reorganized. Gary Anderson made the <b>motion</b> to suspend the program until January and make a decision at that time. Gini Highfield <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Rape in Utah: A Survey of Utah Women</b>
Notes:	<p>Julie Christenson presented information gleaned from CCJJ's <i>A Survey of Utah Women About Their Experience With Sexual Violence</i>. Approximately 1200 women ages 18 and over were interviewed by all female interviewers. A brief summary of their findings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape is the only category of violent crime in which Utah's rate exceeds the nation's average.</li> <li>• Of all respondents, 12.7% reported being raped during their lifetime.</li> <li>• Survey findings indicate that nearly one in three Utah women will experience some form of sexual violence during their lives.</li> <li>• Child molestation was the most common form of sexual violence reported, followed closely by rape.</li> <li>• Almost ninety percent of victims, 86.2%, experienced their first sexual assault before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.</li> <li>• Overall, no relationship was found between race or income with regards to sexual victimization.</li> <li>• Those reporting as victims of rape and child rape specifically, tended to have less education than those who were not victims of these crimes.</li> <li>• Only 33 respondents or 8.6% were attacked by a stranger.</li> <li>• Most commonly, the attacker was someone the respondent knew, who was not an intimate partner or family member.</li> <li>• Only 9.8% of respondents who were sexually assaulted reported the attack to the police.</li> </ul> <p>This survey may be run again in the coming months with a younger demographic. The full report may be found on the CCJJ website at <a href="http://www.justice.utah.gov">www.justice.utah.gov</a>.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Systemic Priorities</b>
Notes:	<p><b>Dan Maldonado</b>, JJS Director, spoke briefly regarding success of programs, current major problems and rural gender issues.</p> <p>Building stability is a major problem, with employee turnover at twenty two percent. Concentration is currently on employee retention and satisfaction. As a result the turnover rate dropped to fourteen percent this year. The JJS service population is approximately 56,000 with 1800 kids per year in custody. Another 14,000 may be served briefly.</p> <p>The new Adam Walsh legislation is a big issue and JJS hopes the Sentencing Commission will get</p>

	<p>involved. Tier III offenders under AW require life time registration. For a fourteen year old, this could be problematic. A guesstimate of up to 350 kids presently in the system would have to register. Tom Patterson added that the Registration Subcommittee is looking at this issue. Funding is always a problem because the base budget is three million less than last year.</p> <p>Clinicians are now tracking kids from entry through the system. A study is being done on psychotropic medications on kids in the system. Crime is down for the third year in a row; however, the JJS population is up 30 – 40 kids presently as compared to this time last year. St. George is experiencing an increase in crime, as well as Tooele and Grantsville. JJS is currently trying to obtain funding to build an eighty bed facility in Weber County. As far as gender issues, there has been a wave of girls in the system. Recently rates are dropping, but they recently were up fifty percent.</p> <p><b>Susan Burke</b>, Assistant Administrator for Juvenile court gave a presentation titled <i>Utah's Juvenile Courts, The Year of Delinquency</i>. Child welfare issues are their recent focus, by reviewing outcome measures, and implementing evidence based practices. By refining the assessment process, we now have more concrete information to work with. Juvenile Courts are now working with community partners, Deputy Probation Officer training and monitoring policy.</p> <p>Recent accomplishments include: C.A.R.E. implementation, revised State supervision policies, institution of Project Empower and quality assurance strategies related to assessment processes. The Juvenile Rights video is being met with mixed acceptance and use. Those issues are being addressed. Current challenges include: recruitment and retention of qualified staff, judicial and clerical caseloads, sex offender treatment funding, substance abuse treatment funding and gender specific services.</p> <p><b>Duane Betournay</b>, Deputy Director of DCFS, spoke about DCFS's Milestone plan. Of the 128 items on it, only three items remain (qualitative case reviews, case process reviews and quality improvement committees). They are experiencing program growth. UBJJ can help by funding community programs.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Youth Advocate of the Year Award</b>
Notes:	Christine J. Monroe was presented this year's UBJJ Youth Advocate of the Year award for her numerous efforts and achievements in promoting innovative and quality programs for the youth of rural Utah.

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Statistical Reports</b>
Notes:	The outcome evaluation will be presented at the Dec. 1 meeting and the risk assessment tool will be posted on the CJJC website. The idea behind the assessment tool is for anyone to be able to use it. One can search by topic, population or geographic region. Ethnicity data is now available, statewide. There is a possibility that we may be able to include a log-in feature on the website, so that specific individuals/agencies may view data. Please review it and give any feedback to Matt. A data collection page is being put together by Reg Garff.

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Review 2006 – 08 Priorities</b>
Notes:	<p>Last year's priorities (included in our 3 year plan)were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mental health</li> <li>2. Gender specific</li> <li>3. DMC</li> <li>4. Juvenile Justice System Improvement</li> <li>5. Early delinquency intervention and prevention</li> <li>6. Prevent the use of illegal drugs and alcohol by youth</li> </ol>

Agenda Item:	Discuss & Establish 2007 UBJJ Goals
Notes:	<p>The board discussed last year's priorities and if we should keep or reorder them. The priorities were changed to the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prevent the use of illegal drugs and alcohol by youth</li> <li>2. Early delinquency intervention and prevention projects for children grades kindergarten to twelve</li> <li>3. Reduce the disproportionate representation of minority youth at decision points within the juvenile justice system, from arrest through commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.</li> <li>4. Increase success of girls in the juvenile justice system through gender specific/female-responsive services. Priority given to projects providing services to minority girls.</li> <li>5. Increase and improve crisis intervention and treatment needs of youth in the juvenile justice system with mental health problems or developmental disabilities.</li> <li>6. Juvenile justice system improvement through implementation of Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines in Utah. Priority given to projects implementing Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines as recommended by OJJDP and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.</li> </ol> <p>Priority given to projects using <u>evidence based practices or model programs</u>, targeting UBJJ Goals 1 and 2 that serve rural areas of Utah, with special emphasis on Tooele County, the Northeastern and Four Corners regions, where resources are scarce.</p> <p>Carol Page made the <b>motion</b> to accept the above. Natalie Thornley <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p>The board set the following goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve consistency of UBJJ site visits to ensure program efficacy. Board members should review outcome data with subgrantees.</li> <li>2. Provide additional sustainability training to subgrantees.</li> <li>3. Improve attendance at board meetings and committee meetings.</li> <li>4. Follow up and keep informed on Adam Walsh Act.</li> <li>5. Send news clips to UBJJ members.</li> </ol> <p>Mike DiReda made the <b>motion</b> recommending UBJJ representation on the Registration Subcommittee. Holly Martak <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>

**The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, 8:00am, Utah State Capitol Complex, East Office Bldg., Beehive Room**

Minutes prepared by Jo Lynn Kruse - Executive Secretary, CCJJ