

**Utah Board of Juvenile Justice**

**MINUTES**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>UBJJ BOARD MEETING</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	Friday, December 1, 2006	<b>Time:</b>	8:00am – 10:30am	<b>Place:</b>	State Capitol Complex, Seagull Room
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<b>Members Present</b>	Gaby Anderson, Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Leslie D. Brown, Brittany Ennis, Maria J. Garciaz, Tonia Hashimoto, Jessica Hernandez, Gini Highfield, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Huy D. Nguyen, Natalie Thornley
<b>Members Excused</b>	Michael Di Reda, Carol Page, Fred Peake, Lonnie Thomas, Paul Tsosie
<b>Staff</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Matt Davis, and visitors Representative David Litvack, Russ Van Vleet
<b>Members Absent</b>	Adam Cohen

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Chair’s Report</b>
Notes:	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Title V Grant Recommendations – Pat Berckman</b>
Notes:	After review of the grant applications, the Title V Committee recommended funding for both Granite Park Youth Development Project with restrictions and Delta’s Reconnecting Youth with corrections as discussed. Gary Anderson made the <b>motion</b> to fund both grants with restrictions and corrections. Judge Brown <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b> .

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>By-Laws Change</b>
Notes:	<p>The following changes to By-Laws are below in bold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson has been changed to <b>Chair</b>.</li> <li>• Recommendations for Board member appointment/replacement shall be made to the UCCJJ <b>and the Governor</b> by the Board.</li> <li>• <b>DMC Committee Vice Chair: Conduct Committee meetings; represent the Committee to the Board, OJJDP and the public; perform such other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board or as indicated by these by-laws.</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth Committee Vice Chair: Conduct Youth Committee meetings; represent the Committee to the Board, OJJDP and the public; develop an annual project for the Committee; perform such other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board as indicated by these by-laws.</b></li> <li>• Other officers may serve no more than two terms in any office <b>in any single assignment</b>.</li> <li>• The terms shall be staggered as follows: The Chair, Chair-Elect, <b>Youth Committee Vice Chair</b> and Pre-Adjudicated Committee Vice Chair shall be elected during the same year; the Post-Adjudicated Committee Vice Chair, Title V Committee Vice Chair <b>and DMC Committee Vice Chair</b> shall be elected the following year; elections shall continue in that order.</li> </ul> <p>Judge Brown made the <b>motion</b> to accept the changes to the by-laws. Gaby Anderson <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>UBJJ Outcome Measures Update</b>
Notes:	<p>Matt Davis presented findings from the <i>UBJJ Outcomes Evaluation Annual Report 2006</i>. The evaluation is designed to provide practical tools that board members and program directors can use to guide the development of effective quality programs. The following programs are not included in the report because the number of program completers during the past year was too few for an adequate analysis: The Dream Team, Utah Peace Institute and Granite Park Youth Development. However, issues related to this non-compliance have been resolved for all these projects except the Utah Peace Institute.</p> <p>When looking at the results, note that many of these programs are in development, so programs in different stages are to be expected. The report includes results from each program plus a global look which shows how the board is doing with the program. This is the first year of including demographics in the analysis and it currently shows that the UBJJ Board is definitely targeting minorities and females. Fifty nine percent of youth who have entered a program that UBJJ is currently funding have completed that program. The statistics do show that we are ahead of the curve by targeting females. Matt suggested that it would be good to determine a benchmark on some of the programs.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Family &amp; Youth Connections Update</b>
Notes:	<p>Representative David Litvack was hired a year ago and has been working on the present project since August. The program was originally designed to provide support to youth (13 to 17 year olds) whose caregivers are in substance abuse treatment. The biggest problem was not getting referrals from drug court and that kids by that age were already taken away from their parents. Rep. Litvack introduced the idea of re-focusing on recruitment through a partnership with DCFS. Since then, the focus has shifted to working with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMSA) curriculum. To date there are no referrals, and the age of the target group has been lowered. A part-time person has been hired to recruit. A deadline of December 31, 2006 had previously been set for the program to show marked improvement. Rep. Litvack requested that the deadline be moved to January 2007. Gary Anderson made the <b>motion</b> to extend the deadline to January 30, 2007. Max Jackson <b>seconded</b> the motion and it <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Other Reports</b>
Notes:	<p><b>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing</b> – Holly Martak Holly will be going to Las Vegas tonight to attend the National Campaign to Stop Violence/<i>Do the Write Thing</i> annual meeting. The youth committee will be on the School District’s monthly curriculum meeting agenda for December.</p> <p><b>DMC</b> – Maria Garciaz We are still working on cultural competency communication and evaluation. Trudy Cropper and Maria Garciaz went to New Orleans for a DMC conference. Maria found that the states that have DMC coordinators have some amazing programs. A lot of them get funding with Title II dollars. We haven’t funded a coordinator with ours because we are very limited. We may be able to access a University of Utah intern to serve as a part-time coordinator.</p>

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Specialist Report</b>
Notes:	<p><b>Government Relations Report</b> Our legislative meetings will be on Mondays starting January 8<sup>th</sup>. Three members of our executive committee will attend. We will keep tabs on sex offender legislation that complies with the Adam Walsh Act.</p> <p><b>Adam Walsh Act Update</b> Addressing the juvenile side of the law legislatively has been put off till next year because the issue is so large. Representative Paul Ray is running the sex offender legislation.</p>

In addition to youth transferred into the criminal justice system, certain juveniles adjudicated delinquent in juvenile court will be included on the state and national sex offender registries including those who are “14 years of age or older at the time of the offense and the offense adjudicated was comparable to or more severe than aggravated sexual abuse (as described in section 2241 of Title 18, United States Code), or was an attempt or conspiracy to commit such an offense.”

We are working through what this means for Utah and are looking for ways to mitigate the impact on Utah juveniles. It is a lifetime registry and those included will have to submit not only fingerprints, but a full palm print. Sheriffs’ are updating their equipment to comply with this. Failure to register will be punished at a felony level. Utah will end up a dumping ground if we are not compliant.

**Budget**

Our budget has not changed since last month.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, 8:00am, Salt Lake County Youth Services**

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