

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, January 15, 2009
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Karen Crompton, Maria Garciaz, Gini Highfield, Judge James Michie, Huy Nguyen, Fred Peake, Troy Rawlings, Natalie Thornley, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Gaby Anderson, Craig Dearden, Brittany Enniss, Spencer Larsen
Members Absent	Maxwell Jackson
Staff	Matt Davis, Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Maria Garciaz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the December minutes. Gini Highfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Adam Cohen stated that the essays are due next Tuesday. We hope for increased participation this year. UBJJ received a check for \$5,000 from Brent and Bonnie Jean Beesley. The awards luncheon is tentatively scheduled for April 16. Jennifer Jolley visited the Salt Lake School District and Brittany Enniss visited Jordan School District. Brochures were distributed to both. Weber State and the U of U will score the essays the first week in February. Our DTWT funds were previously held in a State account, but now have been moved to an account with the National Campaign to Stop Violence. We have approximately \$20,000. The National Campaign will write checks for us when we send them invoices. Work still continues to find VIP Judges.</p> <p>DMC Committee – Pat reported that there was a strategic planning meeting in November that went very well. Cuong and Pat are part of the Salt Lake County CODA Committee (Council of Diversity Affairs) on law enforcement. They are trying to diversify law enforcement in Salt Lake County. There will be recruitment fair on February 10. DMC will meet today after this meeting. Cuong added that they will work with Utah and Weber Counties to focus on increasing diversion.</p> <p>Legislative Review –</p> <p>HB 0029 – Sex Offenders' Contact with Children UBJJ position on this one is HOLD. There is some question as to how it would impact kids who are sex offenders. What if the offender's victim is a sibling? Jacey will monitor this one.</p> <p>HB 0036 – Criminal Offense Elements and Penalties Reg asks that everyone review this one and give feedback to him. An email reminder will be sent out.</p> <p>HB 0037 – Violent Offenses Amendments Review and give feedback.</p> <p>SB 0016 – Prohibited Gang Activity Review and give feedback.</p> <p>SB 0019 – Criminal Offense Penalties Amendment Review and give feedback.</p> <p>Every Monday during the legislative session, the executive committee has an opportunity to meet with CCJJ and other agencies, to discuss the bills that may have an impact on those whom we serve.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Financial Update – There are a couple of anticipated de-obligations this month, about 10 – 15 thousand dollars total of unspent monies from Colors of Success and Polynesian Young Women programs. Our current balance is \$322.23.</p> <p>2008-09 UBJJ Site Visit Assignments – There are several areas left that have yet to be filled. Please refer to the handout UBJJ Monitoring Assignments 2008 – 2009 and let Reg know today or email him regarding the site visits you can do. If Reg does not hear back by Monday, he will make assignments.</p> <p>Title V – Tooele County delivered their final draft yesterday. Most of the other grants have made needed adjustments and final award letters will go out next week.</p>

	<p>Travel – Due to budget cuts, there will be no out of state travel for now unless deemed critical. Reg is trying to get authorization for Maria to travel to the CJJ Spring Conference in May.</p> <p>Reg presented a draft of the updated <i>Policy on participation in the UBJJ evaluation and improvement project</i> and asked the board's input, specifically regarding item number five. This policy will be included with all RFP's and will require grantees to sign. The Board suggested the following language for item 5 in the policy draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o At least 65% of participants should complete the program. o At least 90% of the youth who complete the program must complete pre and post-surveys. o Programs are required to track every youth's status at program end using forms provided by the evaluators. <p>Judge Michie made the motion to approve the draft with the addition of that phrase. Karen Crompton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
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Agenda Item	UBJJ Outcome Measures Report
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Notes	<p>Matt Davis presented the 2008 summary of results for the UBJJ Program Evaluation and Improvement Project. The report addresses the following questions:</p> <p>Is the program needed? Programs continue to target females and minorities and continue to target older youth, but the percentage is decreasing.</p> <p>Do programs use empirically-based practice? Most programs are a mixture and usually target social skills and academics. Fewer programs over-promise.</p> <p>Do programs target youth who can benefit? All programs target youth who are more at risk and less protected than Utah youth in general.</p> <p>Do the youth change? Improvement was noted in two programs. Matt also discussed how long the UBJJ programs are in terms of months, how many youth complete programs. The percentage of completers has raised steadily since 2004 (up 52 percent). Only one program showed a negative change.</p> <p>Karen Crompton request more statistics to prove if programs really work or not. Matt says they are using new methodology (more sophisticated in testing for statistical differences) and expects more improvements next year. We can track recidivism with help from the courts. This report and detailed results for each program may be viewed on our website.</p>
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Agenda Item	Annual Report to Governor & Legislature
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Notes	<p>Each year Reg prepares the UBJJ Annual Report that is given to the Governor and Legislature. This year's report highlights priority program areas, in order of importance: 1. Substance abuse prevention, 2. Delinquency prevention, 3. Disproportionate minority contact, 4. Gender specific services for girls (priority for minority girls), and 5. Improve mental health services.</p>
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Next Meeting	The next meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2009, SL County Youth Services
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