

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, March 19, 2009
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room
Members Present	Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Maria Garciaz, Gini Highfield, Maxwell Jackson, Spencer Larsen, Huy Nguyen, Fred Peake, Natalie Thornley
Members Excused	Gaby Anderson, Karen Crompton, Craig Dearden, Brittany Enniss, Judge James Michie, Troy Rawlings
Members Absent	Pam Vickrey
Staff	Reg Garff, Ron Gordon, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen, Moises Prospero
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Maria Garciaz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Maria introduced Ron Gordon, the new executive director of CCJJ and Moises Prospero, who will replace Russ Van Vleet from the Criminal Justice Center, University of Utah. Ron has an under graduate degree from BYU and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah. He was a legal intern and Legal Counsel for CCJJ and is a past Sentencing Commission Director for CCJJ. From there Ron moved on to become director of CJAC for the Salt Lake County Mayor's Office. Until recently Ron was the executive director of Crime Victim Reparations.</p> <p>Max Jackson made the motion to approve the February minutes. Gini Highfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) sent a letter requesting funding of \$5,000 for the annual CJJ dues. Pat Berckman made the motion to approve funding. Adam Cohen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Reg reported that the essays have been scored and we will send out the top 12 essays to the VIP Judges this week. The awards luncheon will be April 30 at the Governor's Mansion. Attorney General Mark Shurtleff will be the keynote speaker. There are more than enough funds to give out education accounts to the finalists. Jo Lynn will prepare certificates for the top 90 students and work on the program. The invitations will be prepared and sent out soon. Reg thanked the UBJJ board for scoring the essays.</p> <p>DMC Committee – Pat reports that they are working hard on the three-year plan. Cuong is focusing on diversion efforts across the state and has a meeting scheduled with Weber County in April and has already started meeting with 4th District Juvenile Court. The DMC Committee will meet today after this meeting.</p> <p>Gang Task Force – The steering committee is working on their mission and purpose. The Task Force hopes to support local communities as they address gang violence and crime. One of the things the Task Force will do is assess the gang problem in Utah and the resources available to address the problem.</p> <p>Moises Prospero is putting together a survey to help assess the gang problem. The survey will be sent to Law Enforcement, Corrections, Schools, and Community organizations. Matt Davis is working on a website map for community programs.</p> <p>FACJJ Update – The 2009 draft report is now complete. The original intent of the report was to be a commentary on good leadership. However, it has changed direction to a call for change, while still emphasizing good leadership. The report lists core values and the reason why juvenile justice is a priority, and juvenile justice challenges and solutions. The report lists several recommendations in terms of policy on what we need to do legislatively, using evidence based research strategies. Gini asked the board to fax Reg with any feed-back.</p>

	<p>Legislative Review – A quick way to view legislation UBJJ is interested in, go to the CCJJ website, click on legislation, 2009, UBJJ, and there you will see the bills we have commented on. Reg will email a link to board members. Reg discussed the bill that we were tracking that passed: HB 0014 – Material Harmful to Minors Amendments HB 0129 – Alcoholic Beverage Amendments Related to Minors HB 0313 – Social Host Liability Act SB 0016 – Prohibited Gang Activity SB 0028 – Prohibited Activities of Gang Offenders SB 0118 – Parental Responsibility for Juvenile Criminal Gang Offense Costs</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Youth Promise Act – The Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act (federal legislation) implements the advice Rep. Scott received over the last year from more than fifty criminal justice policymakers, researchers, practitioners, analysts, and law enforcement officials from across the political spectrum concerning evidence – and research-based strategies to reduce gang violence and crime, particularly among youth.</p> <p>Under the Youth PROMISE Act, communities facing the greatest youth gang and crime challenges will come together to develop a comprehensive plan for implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies. These PROMISE Councils will include representatives from law enforcement, court services, schools, social service, health and mental health providers, and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, and the strategies articulated in the PROMISE Plan will be targeted at young people who are at-risk of becoming involved, or involved in, gangs or the criminal justice system to redirect them toward productive and law-abiding alternatives.</p> <p>There are five titles in the authorization. The legislation established a lot of different funding streams. Please review and give comments to Reg. On April 30, we will decide if we want to take any action as a board.</p> <p>Financial Update – We have \$14,000 in returned monies from FY07. UBJJ Funds- Fred Peake made the motion to take the \$5,000 for dues out of the '07 funds and take the remainder of the \$11,637.85 and roll over to programmatic expenses. Pat Berckman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Membership – The majority of our membership has to be non full-time government individuals. We need a Tribal representative. Please let Reg know if you have someone in mind. It is okay for the Tribal person to be employed by the Tribe.</p>
Agenda Item	Title II Formula Grant Three Year Plan
Notes	Reg distributed a copy of the three-year plan and will put it in pdf format and email to the board. Some items show a zero allocation because there is no money at present, but will have next year or the year after. The document will eventually be posted on the UBJJ website after approval.
Agenda Item	Round Table Discussion
Notes	Time ran short for this discussion. Be prepared at next meeting to discuss what is happening in your area of expertise and discuss the current downtrend in money and what that means. Introduce your organization and list challenges faced and how UBJJ can be of help.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is Thursday, April 30, 2009, 9am – 10:30am, Utah State Capitol, Senate Bldg., CCJJ Conference Room

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