

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, April 30 2009
Time	9:00am – 10:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., CCJJ Conference Room
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Karen Crompton, Brittany Enniss, Maria Garciaz, Gini Highfield, Maxwell Jackson, Judge James Michie, Troy Rawlings, Natalie Thornley, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Craig Dearden, Spencer Larsen, Fred Peake
Members Absent	Huy Nguyen
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen and visitors Ishari Paul, Deborah Price, Moises Prospero
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Maria Garciaz called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and introduced Deborah Price from the National Campaign to Stop Violence. Ms. Price will attend the luncheon today. Gaby Anderson made the motion to approve the March minutes. Max Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	National Campaign to Stop Violence
Notes	Deborah Price is the Director of Development at the National Campaign to Stop Violence. Her goals are to help strengthen and broaden the program. The DTWT program is in thirty states and major cities. The State of Texas public schools include DTWT as part of their curriculum. Deborah would like to take the information received from all essays and create a pool of information from years of essays to help understand, from the students' prospective, the causes of youth violence. The goal of the national office is to take the DTWT program to new cities and states. Some states have high school students read and score the essays. (Los Angeles does that) Debbie will give Reg a contact person from Los Angeles to learn how they run that, so we may possibly do the same.
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports
Notes	Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Brittany stated that Ms. Price will give the welcome address at the luncheon today and explain the <i>Do the Write Thing</i> challenge. General Shurtleff will be the keynote speaker and First Lady, Mary Kaye Huntsman, will greet guests as they enter the ballroom. Both of last years' winners will be there to present awards. We found out that one of the top twelve finalists' used quotes in their essay and did not cite them, so we will have the top eleven recognized today. Reg and the entire board thank Brittany for her work and leadership on this project. Ms. Price is working on a tool for us to use to mentor students whose essays show they are in need of help. Dr. Prospero volunteered to help with analyzing the outcomes and find themes and commonalities. DMC Committee – The DMC Committee recently had a meeting at Police Officer Standards Training (POST) and has been invited by POST to create and teach their cultural awareness course and provide training scenarios. A subcommittee met this week to discuss new ways to look at training and give POST a product or ideas. Cuong discussed DMC's efforts to work with Utah and Weber Counties on diversion as prevention. Follow-up will be done with fourth district and Salt Lake County.
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	Youth Promise Act – Reg reviewed the Youth Promise Act and the letter of support to Congress. Max Jackson made the motion to add our name to the letter of support. Karen Crompton seconded the motion which passed unanimously , with Judge Michie abstaining. Karen Crompton made the motion to draft our own letter to Utah's Congressional Delegation, urging them to support the Youth Promise Act Legislation. Natalie Thornley seconded the motion which passed unanimously , with Judge Michie abstaining. Gang Mini Grant – The following board members volunteered to serve on the gang mini grant review committee: Adam Cohen, Gaby Anderson, and Max Jackson. Huy Nguyen was added to the list in absentia. Karen Crompton made the motion to release the RFP as soon as possible. Troy Rawlings

	seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Annual Request for Information
Notes	The board took a few minutes to write down their ideas and suggestions for the FACJJ request for information and gave them to Gini. The deadline for submission is May 15.
Agenda Item	Round Table
Notes	Gaby Anderson discussed the financial impact on Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) due to the current economic downturn and the most recent legislative session. The special session in November resulted in a number of cuts. The long-term secure unit has closed at Mill Creek Youth Center. The female transition program was closed, as well as the Receiving Center in Vernal, which eliminated about twenty five positions. For the current fiscal year, all state supervision money was cut (about 2.1 million). Losing that money really hurts because those were prevention services. Two transition programs were also cut. JJS also lost several hundred thousand dollars on diversion programs. Currently there is a hiring freeze.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2009, 8am – 9:30am, Utah State Capitol, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room

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