

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Adam Cohen, Karen Crompton, Brittany Enniss, Gini Highfield, Spencer Larsen, Fred Peake, Pam Vickrey
Members Excused	Pat Berckman, Maria Garcia, Maxwell Jackson, Huy Nguyen, Troy Rawlings, Natalie Thornley
Members Absent	Craig Dearden, Judge James Michie,
Staff	Reg Garff, Ron Gordon, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen and visitors Matt Davis, Mike Tanana, Dr. Prospero
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Adam Cohen called the meeting to order in Maria's absence. Gaby Anderson made the motion to approve the April minutes. Gini Highfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports
Notes	<p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Brittany reported that the DTWT Awards Luncheon went very well. The Youth Committee met yesterday via conference call to discuss what worked well and things that can be improved. The committee would like broader representation next year and to get past winners to participate as VIP judges. Holly Martak and Jennifer Jolley will step back into consultant roles for DTWT. The Board recognizes their dedication and work on this project and expresses deep appreciation for all they have done. Adam Cohen and Spencer Larsen will attend DTWT Recognition Week in D.C. in July.</p> <p>DMC Committee – Cuong has been working on the DMC message and will meet next week with Utah and Weber Counties. A presentation will be given to Third District Court on June 2. The DMC Committee is currently working on the cultural competency training for POST.</p> <p>FACJJ – Gini included a copy of the 2009 Annual Request for Information for the Board to review. The document identifies Utah's top five issues in no particular order: Waiver and transfer to adult court, disproportionate minority contact, lack of primary prevention services, mental health assessment and treatment and lastly, reentry of juvenile offenders into communities and into schools. The report has been submitted and will now go through an editing process and will be released in the next three or four months. The FACJJ will start on the 2010 report in July.</p> <p>Troubled Youth Conference – Gini reported there was concern this year regarding attendance at the conference because of the various agencies' training budgets. However, all went well, with half to two thirds of registrants paying their own way. Both of the DTWT State Finalists were able to attend. Gini thanked UBJJ for their support. Reg noted a very good talk was given on Relational Aggression, how young girls bully each other. The Matheson Award was given to Judge Robert Yeates this year.</p>
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Gang Task Force – The Gang Task Force is now in the data-gathering phase and starting to receive responses from the survey that went out to a wide variety of professionals and community members to get information on their thoughts and attitudes about what goes on in their communities. Work is being done to develop a website for the State Gang Task Force. Ron would like to see suggestions developed for those thinking about establishing some type of program to address gang violence/prevention and intervention efforts.</p> <p>Adam Walsh Act – It appears that almost every state that applied for a one year extension got one. At this point in time, not one state is in full compliance. Ten percent of Byrne grant monies will be withheld from states not in "substantial compliance". Our plan is to band with other states to change the legislation, but we may ultimately have to give up ten percent of our Byrne funding.</p> <p>Gang Mini Grant - The Gang Mini-grant RFP has been released and the sub committee will review them. (Gaby Anderson, Adam Cohen, Max Jackson and Huy Nguyen). The amount available is \$80,000 and many groups have inquired about it.</p>

	<p>Neighborworks and the Inclusion Center have made the determination that their mutual goals are not compatible Neighborworks has just under \$5,000 left from the Camp Anytown project. Neighborworks has requested that \$5,000 to do their own camp at Soap Stone campground in the Uintah mountains. Karen Crompton made the motion to approve the grant change, allowing Neighborworks to use those funds for their camp. Gini Highfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Reg pointed out an error in the March minutes regarding the 2006 board money (approximately \$14,000), which needs to be spent by the end of September. Reg recommends paying for all the projects discussed (\$5,000 dues to CJJ, \$2,000 Troubled Youth Conference, and \$4,750 for Vernal Youth Court) out of our FY06 money. If we do this the remaining balance would be \$3,457.47 which could be rolled into the Green River project. Gaby Anderson made the motion to use the FY06 board money. Brittany seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	DMC Message
Notes	<p>Cuong is working on a DMC message that will hopefully be presented to law enforcement and other agencies in the future. Cuong discussed the history of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended 2002 (JJDP Act), its purpose, the four core requirements, organization chart, definition of DMC and the rate of contact or RRI measurement. The mission of the DMC, nine points of contact, accomplishments and needs were also discussed. Cuong is also working to help support some district courts so they can show the <i>Rights of Juvenile Defendants</i> video prior to arraignment. Diversion findings from FY07 were presented as well as 2009 goals. Cuong gave an evaluation form to the board members and asked that they critique his presentation and offer suggestions.</p>
Agenda Item	Evaluation Update
Notes	<p>Matt Davis gave an overview of the new way in which they are doing evaluations. They are moving from looking at just the outcomes of a program to how to better develop quality programs. The overview includes updates on some of the new programs currently funded. The tool is now on the web and is password protected. The information contained in the tool includes the following: Is the program designed to target the need? (Year 1, Implementation, Site visits at the start, 2 months and 6 months) Did the program target participants who may benefit? Were quality components implemented? Year 2, Is the program improving? (site visits at 12 and 18 months) Year 3, Do the youth show change? (site visits at 24 months) Matt was very impressed with South Salt Lake's Substance Abuse Prevention program and the changes they have made. Matt also handed out a survey to board members asking them to rate search criteria for the website.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is Thursday, June 18, 2009, 8am – 9:30am, Utah State Capitol, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room

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