

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Annual Meeting
Date	Thursday, October 15, 2009
Time	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Location	UDOT, 4501 South 2700 West, Salt Lake City
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Charri Brummer, Karen Crompton, Patrick Garcia, Gini Highfield, Spencer Larsen, Judge Michie, Huy Nguyen, Fred Peake, Troy Rawlings, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Adam Cohen, Craig Dearden, Maria Garcia, Pam Vickrey
Members Absent	Maxwell Jackson
Staff	Reg Garff, Ron Gordon, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen
Visitors	Susan Burke, Steve Jardine, Dan Maldonado, Mike Tanana, Patti Van Wagoner, Robert S. Yeates
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	<p>Gaby Anderson called the meeting to order in Maria and Adam's absence, welcomed everyone, and introduced the newest member, Charri Brummer, Deputy Director, DCFS. Introductions were made. Judge Michie made the motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Russ Van Vleet seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Pat Berckman led an interactive activity where board members asked and answered the following questions: "What do you stand for?" and "What is your management style?"</p>
Agenda Item	CCJJ Accomplishments
Notes	<p>Ron Gordon spoke briefly about some of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice's accomplishments this past year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Established a Gang Task Force to study issues related to gang activity in the State ▪ Conducted a statewide survey of law enforcement agencies, treatment programs, PO's, judges, and educators on the prevalence and impact of gangs in their areas ▪ Continued to coordinate the Mentally Ill Offender initiative to review statewide issues relating to mentally ill offenders ▪ Oversaw the initial implementation of the CEASE DUI electronic citation system ▪ Coordinated 316 offender extraditions from other jurisdictions ▪ Established a jail reimbursement program ▪ Administered more than \$8.7 million in Federal grant funds ▪ Oversaw the activities of 295 subgrants ▪ Received nearly \$10 million in federal stimulus funding as part of the JAG – ARRA grant program creating 40 jobs so far ▪ Coordinated the ongoing implementation and evaluation of the Drug Offender Reform Act (DORA) ▪ Working with the U of U Criminal Justice Center, completed a preliminary evaluation of the DORA pilot program ▪ Assisted with the Parents Empowered Campaign ▪ Three of the TV ads developed for the Utah Meth Campaign are now being made available through the Office of National Drug Control Policy ▪ USAAV Council's Drug-Exposed Newborns Committee developed a public education and outreach program to inform women of the risk of using harmful substances during pregnancy ▪ CVR provided a record \$7.4 million to benefit of victims of violent crime ▪ The Sentencing Commission established a Juvenile Competency subcommittee ▪ 98% of UBJJ sponsored programs showed either positive changes or no change in risk and protective factors ▪ The Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) subcommittee established a plan to address disparity in diversion for Hispanic youth ▪ Hired an Executive Director for the new Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC)

Agenda Item	Statistical Report – Juvenile Statistics in Utah
Notes	<p>Mike Tanana gave a presentation on the 2009 UBJJ Program Outcomes. A new evaluation procedure is being used. Evaluations for quality are done the first year of programs with site visits every six months for structured assessment and to evaluate program improvement. This is a better way to find out sooner what works or not and to make programs better.</p> <p>The RAPIT tool (Risk and Protective Information Tool) is now on the web via a link on the UBJJ website (www.juvenile.utah.gov) and is accessible to the public. It provides risk factors for juveniles in the State of Utah. The information was collected by Bach – Harrison surveys from Utah students yearly, in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. The data base is something that very few states have. The tool was presented at the national conference of OJJDP last year in Nashville, and generated a lot of interest there. Board members were encouraged to spread the word about its availability.</p> <p>(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, Improvement. Is the program improving? (site visits at 12 and 18 months) Year 3, Effectiveness. Do the youth show change? (site visits at 24 months)</p>
Agenda Item	Systemic Priorities
Notes	<p>JJS – Dan Maldonado noted that Juvenile Justice Services will be moving to a new building in about three weeks. The new address is 1950 West 195 North.</p> <p>JJS successes this last year include: Continued refinement of the risk assessment instrument, quality review process and managing to secure one-time funding for receiving centers, preventing their loss for a least one more year. JJS, formerly Youth Corrections, services include: Early intervention services, community alternatives, correctional facilities, rural services and observation and assessment facilities. Challenges JJS faces are: Contractor relations (due to budget and Medicaid cuts), potential cut and elimination of the State’s receiving centers, Girls’ programs and the Serious Youth Offender (SYO) statute being challenged in court and the notion of blended sentences.</p> <p>Juvenile Court – Susan Burke reported the number of referrals fell in almost all categories between FY 2008 and 2009 except for the areas of contempt and child welfare proceedings. Child welfare referrals make up only ten percent of the referrals to juvenile court and take up sixty percent of the judges’ time in terms of hearings.</p> <p>Nearly ten percent of minors referred to juvenile court for delinquency have also had referrals for dependency, neglect, or abuse. These dual adjudicated minors are being detained at a higher rate than non-dual adjudicated minors and are not being afforded the same services at juvenile court.</p> <p>Susan also discussed the juvenile courts’ use of evidence based practices, delinquency referrals, and the juvenile court assessment process. Accomplishments for the past year include: Full integration of assessment process, probation officer certification requirements, <i>Report Card to the Community</i> (which was funded by CCJJ and Susan expressed thanks to Reg), correctional program checklist, educational booklets, judicial management reports and dual adjudicated youth warrants. Topping the list of challenges is budgets, followed by fewer programs, greater probation officer responsibilities, increases in child welfare demands and technology that needs upgrades and compatibility.</p> <p>DCFS – Charri Brummer introduced Deputy Director, Patti Van Wagoner. The purpose of DCFS is to protect children at risk of abuse and neglect. The programs in place are CPS, Child Protective Services (investigative), In-Home Services, Kinship Care, Out-of-Home services (foster care), Adoption, Transition to Adult Living and Domestic Violence Services.</p> <p>Some successes for the past year include: Continual improvement of qualitative case reviews, collaboration between JJS and DCFS and improvement in transfers protocol. The biggest challenge remains budget shortfalls, particularly those associated with Medicaid cuts.</p>
Agenda Item	Youth Advocate of the Year Award
Notes	<p>Russ Van Vleet presented the 2009 Youth Advocate of the Year award to Judge Robert S. Yeates and thanked him for 40 years of dedicated work, promoting innovative policy and programs serving youth and families of Utah. Past recipients of the award include Willard Malmstrom, Gary Dalton, Susan Burke, Treva Bell, Christine Monroe, Judge Leslie Brown and James Marchel.</p>

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Notes	The Board will receive \$600,000 funding for 2010, with only about \$60,000 to fund new programs. Some of our priority areas for 2009 were not able to be funded. The Board discussed whether or not to add to or keep the funding priority list as is. Judge Michie made the motion to add a seventh item, substance abuse services to the priority list. Gini Highfield seconded the motion which passed unanimously .																												
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Notes	<p>UBJJ Accomplishments – Administered more than \$1.3 million in Federal grant funds, oversaw twenty one subgrants, and collaborated with the University of Utah Criminal Justice Center to develop a new program development model. Ninety eight percent of UBJJ sponsored programs showed either positive changes or no change in risk and protective factors. Seventh and eighth graders (1,558 of them) participated in classroom discussions about youth violence, from thirteen participating school districts. UBJJ received 773 writings to compete in Utah’s Challenge to Do the Write Thing.</p> <p>UBJJ Attendance – Reg handed out a graph showing attendance of board meetings for the past year and recognized Gini Highfield for attending every meeting. Reg will draft a letter to encouraging the Board to reach a 75% attendance rate in the coming year.</p> <p>Annual Report to Governor/Legislature - Reg briefly discussed the UBJJ 2008 Annual Report. The report outlines UBJJ’s priority program areas, a listing of current funding projects and the UBJJ outcome measures evaluation. Suggestions for next year’s report: Include the UBJJ logo, advertise the RAPIT tool, shorten descriptions, add priority areas, and add the OJJDP requirement to the first sentence of the second paragraph.</p> <p>Site Visit Assignments –</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Outcome Evaluation</td> <td>Adam Cohen, Craig Dearden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSLC Substance Abuse Prevention</td> <td>Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRI For Kids</td> <td>Russ Van Vleet, Fred Peake</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Choices</td> <td>Karen Crompton, Huy Nguyen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compliance Monitoring</td> <td>Pam Vickrey, Judge Michie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jail Removal</td> <td>Pam Vickrey, Judge Michie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Connections</td> <td>Karen Crompton, Spencer Larsen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Uintah Basin Youth Services</td> <td>Spencer Larsen, Patrick Garcia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tooele Youth Services</td> <td>Gaby Anderson, Maria Garcia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Girls With a Voice</td> <td>Adam Cohen, Pat Berckman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBBS Rural Mentoring</td> <td>Charri Brummer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B & G Club of Davis/Weber</td> <td>Max Jackson, Gini Highfield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighborworks Salt Lake, Mestizo Project</td> <td>Gini Highfield, Troy Rawlings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSLC, PAL Boxing Program</td> <td>Patrick Garcia, Max Jackson</td> </tr> </table>	Outcome Evaluation	Adam Cohen, Craig Dearden	SSLC Substance Abuse Prevention	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman	PRI For Kids	Russ Van Vleet, Fred Peake	Choices	Karen Crompton, Huy Nguyen	Compliance Monitoring	Pam Vickrey, Judge Michie	Jail Removal	Pam Vickrey, Judge Michie	Connections	Karen Crompton, Spencer Larsen	Uintah Basin Youth Services	Spencer Larsen, Patrick Garcia	Tooele Youth Services	Gaby Anderson, Maria Garcia	Girls With a Voice	Adam Cohen, Pat Berckman	BBBS Rural Mentoring	Charri Brummer	B & G Club of Davis/Weber	Max Jackson, Gini Highfield	Neighborworks Salt Lake, Mestizo Project	Gini Highfield, Troy Rawlings	SSLC, PAL Boxing Program	Patrick Garcia, Max Jackson
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Notes	<p>The Board reviewed the JJDP Act with a fun question and answer session. The JJDP Act was established in 1974 and was most recently reauthorized in 2002. The JJDP Act embodies a partnership between the federal government and the U.S. states and territories to protect children and youth in the juvenile justice system, adequately address delinquent behavior and improve community safety by preventing juvenile crime and delinquency.</p> <p>The JJDP Act provides for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A juvenile justice planning and advisory system in all U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia; ▪ Federal funding for delinquency prevention and improvements in state and local juvenile justice programs; and ▪ Operation of a federal agency – the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention – dedicated to training, technical assistance, model programs, and research and evaluation to support state and local efforts. 																												

	<p>Under the JJJPA, each state must establish a State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice (SAG), submit a Three-Year State Plan for carrying out the purposes of the Act and implement the Act's Core Requirements/Protections at the state and local level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) ▪ Removal of Juveniles from Adult Jails and Lock ups ▪ Sight and Sound Separation ▪ Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) <p>Utah's compliance with the OJJJPA is foremost. If we ever fall out of compliance, critical funding would be lost.</p>
Agenda Item	Membership & Committee Assignment Vacancies
Notes	<p>Pat Berckman's appointment expires in February 2010. It would be most beneficial if she could be replaced with someone from Salt Lake County Youth Services. Pat will continue her work on the DMC Subcommittee until her term expires.</p> <p>Two more youth members and a Native American position need to be filled. Spencer Larsen volunteered to fill Brittany's position till her term expires. Huy Nguyen nominated Spencer Larsen as Youth Chair. Karen Crompton seconded and was accepted unanimously.</p> <p>Huy Nguyen made the motion to retain Karen Crompton and Gaby Anderson's positions on the Board. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009, Utah State Capitol Complex, Spruce Room, 8:30 am – 10 am

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