

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, November 19, 2009
Time	8:00am – 9:30 a.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Spruce Room
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Karen Crompton, Gini Highfield, Max Jackson, Spencer Larsen, Judge James Michie, Huy Nguyen, Troy Rawlings
Members Excused	Charri Brummer, Craig Dearden, Patrick Garcia, Maria Garciaz, Russ Van Vleet
Members Absent	Fred Peake, Pam Vickrey
Staff	Reg Garff, Cuong Nguyen
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Adam Cohen called the meeting to order in Maria Garciaz's absence. Gini Highfield made the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Gaby Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Committee & Other Reports
Notes	<p>Youth Committee – Spencer Larsen attended the national Do the Write Thing meeting in Las Vegas recently. DTWT has partnered with Athletes for Hope (an organization that involves athletes to inspire kids) and with the Harlem Globe Trotters. A computer company, ACS will donate a laptop computer to the top two finalists for 2011. DTWT is also on Facebook and Twitter, and YouTube features a video of last year's national recognition event.</p> <p>Spencer invited all UBJJ board members to be part of the DTWT committee. Help is needed obtaining donations, finding VIP judges and promotion of the program. Interested persons please contact Adam, Spencer or Reg.</p> <p>The national campaign scanned a pool of essays for key words to find out what the kids identified as the main causes of youth violence. The most prominent reason cited was the entertainment industry (violent films and games). The second was gangs, followed by bullying.</p> <p>DMC Committee – Pat Berckman reported that data, strategy and goals were discussed at the last meeting. DMC is working on training curriculum for POST. The Center for Public Policy administration was invited to a subcommittee meeting and Pat hopes to discuss funding possibilities to have them develop the curriculum for us. We hope it will be completed and part of POST training by October 2010.</p> <p>Cuong Nguyen spoke about the annual meeting that was held last week. A majority of the members attended. DMC has data on three-year trends of disproportionate minority contact and will share that information with UBJJ.</p> <p>OJJDP Conference Report – Adam Cohen related that Utah is ahead of the curve and is a model state. Adam would like OJJDP to be more solution oriented rather than just pointing out problems. Gini added that Treva Bell does an incredible job and would like her invited to a future board meeting so that the board may have a better understanding of what she does as compliance monitor.</p> <p>Reg noted that he was invited to a meeting with OJJDP where concern was expressed about how compliance monitoring is being managed at the federal level. Our next compliance audit will be the week of July 12, 2010 and all board members are invited. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) is focusing on four key areas of work right now, government relations, Adam Walsh, the Youth Promise Act and life without parole for youth. We cannot expect any increases in juvenile justice funding in the coming year. There is a new youth member training manual for SAG members. The CJJ Conference will be in D.C. in April of 2010 and the theme will be School Success and Engagement. Other topics of discussion included alternatives to detention, use of exclusionary criteria, keeping status offenders and violators separate, keeping programs close to where kids live and valid court order. Judge Patricia Martin spoke about implicit bias. Reg and</p>

	other attendees would like to hopefully bring her to SLC to speak at a judges' conference.
Agenda Item	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes	<p>Finance Update – The 2007 account is down to \$3,140. The 2008 account has \$22,325.01 and has received a few de-obligations. The 2009 account has a balance of \$3,723.</p> <p>Membership Update – Four seats are currently vacant. Please contact Reg if you have suggestions.</p> <p>Green River PRI Review – The Board discussed problems with the Green River PRI for Kids program. Reg suggested a subcommittee be formed to review the project and impose restrictions. Judge Michie made the motion to form the subcommittee, demand explanations and revisions and to have them appear at our next board meeting. Gaby Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Adam Cohen, Pat Berckman, Gaby Anderson and Troy Rawlings volunteered to be on that subcommittee.</p> <p>Utah JJ System Reform History Project – The CCJJ executive committee recently authorized \$5,000 in funding for the Utah JJ System Reform History Project. However, \$3,000 more is needed to complete the project. Pat Berckman made the motion to approve the \$3,000 request from board monies. Judge Michie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Cuong asked the Board to consider a funding request of \$12,000 to pay for the completion of the diversity and community relations training for POST curriculum. Huy Nguyen made the motion to approve \$8,000 if POST can pay the remaining \$4,000. Judge Michie made a substitute motion to approve \$8,000 with the option to re-visit the issue if POST cannot come up with the entire \$4,000. Max Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	FACJJ Report
Notes	This item moved to the January meeting.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, January 21, 2010, Utah State Capitol, Senate Building, Spruce Room.

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