

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

Minutes

Date:	Friday, June 23, 2006	Time:	8:00 – 10:30am	Place:	State Capitol Complex Seagull Room
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Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Pat Berckman, Judge Brown, Andria Burton, Maria Garcia, Jessica Hernandez, Max Jackson, Jennifer Jolley, Holly Martak, Huy Nguyen, Carol Page, Lonnie Thomas, Natalie Thornley, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Gary Anderson, Adam Cohen, Michael Di Reda, Tonia Hashimoto, Gini Highfield, Fred Peake, Paul Tsosie
Absent	
Staff & Visitors	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Sandy Nosak, Linda Barry Potter

Agenda Item:	Welcome and Chair’s Report
Notes:	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Our new Youth Member, Jessica Hernandez was introduced and welcomed to the board. Judge Brown made the motion to approve minutes from the May meeting. Holly Martak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously .

Agenda Item:	Board Site Visit Reports
Notes:	<p>Reg visited St. George and attended a BBBS activity for their mentoring program. They are currently in their second year of funding and have about 63 matched pairs, which is very good. They are participating in our surveys and with various major corporations. When asked if CCJJ grant funding were gone, would they be able to continue, they replied yes.</p> <p>Reg will also meet soon with Colors of Success and discuss their Family and Youth Connections program and the Dream Team program in Ogden.</p> <p>The Ute Reservation is in their last quarter of grant funding. Recidivism rates have dropped between eight and 15 percent.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Mental Health Court
Notes:	<p>Linda Barry Potter, a probation officer from Third District Juvenile Court, spoke to the UBJJ Board about a new project called C3 (mental health court). C3 presently serve 20 youth. If a grant is received they could serve as many as 50. The goal is to try and keep kids from progressing further through the justice system. They are in partnership with DHS, DCFS, DJJS, Jordan School District, NAMI, Pappas & Associates (defense counsel), Salt Lake County District Attorney Office, Salt Lake County Division of Substance Abuse Services, and Valley Mental Health.</p> <p>Traditional court/corrections methods do not work with mentally ill kids. Sixty seven percent of incarcerated youth with high mental health needs were committed for non-violent offenses. A large part of them are school disruptions.</p> <p>Currently there are no grant funds available, but the Board will consider this program if and when funds do become available.</p>

Agenda Item:	Montana Meth Project
Notes:	The UBJJ board viewed a screening of Spy Hop's film, <i>Mother Superior</i> . The film chronicles the life of a teenage girl whose mother is addicted to Meth and how it affects the family and community. The Board liked the film stating that it is more realistic and does not use scare tactics. Pat Berckman will contact Spy Hop and inquire about distribution of the film. Holly and Jennifer both know people at KUED TV who may be able to help. Jessica stated that kids would listen to this movie, as opposed to the Montana Meth Project. Reg may invite Spy Hop to one of our meth subcommittee meetings.

Agenda Item:	Committee & Other Reports
Notes:	<p>Pre-Adjudicated Committee – Pat Berckman Nothing to report.</p> <p>Post-Adjudicated Committee – Adam Cohen Adam is excused.</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Andria Burton Our two finalists for Do the Write Thing are bringing their whole families with them to Washington D.C. Senator Hatch may be speaking at one of the events. We just received a \$1,000 donation to DTWT from the Wheeler Foundation.</p> <p>DMC – Mike Di Reda The DMC committee will meet at 11am today. We are in the process of gathering statistics and will report on those today. We've also been surveyed 15 police agencies to identify their recruiting practices and the racial make-up of their agencies. Our strategic plan will be reviewed. Judge Larry Jones of First District Juvenile Court is following up on the distribution and use of the Spanish/English juvenile rights video in all Utah Juvenile Courts. The problem is that some places do not have a TV or location to display the DVD. We're also trying to extract racial data from the CARE system.</p> <p>Methamphetamine Subcommittee – Carol Page There was a Meth State Task Force meeting yesterday. That committee is really starting to get involved. Senator Chris Buttars is very engaged in this effort. The Utah Association of Counties has hired a public relations person who will help get out our message to the press. Governor Huntsman is also supportive and involved. The prevention community has reviewed the Montana Meth Project and likes the message but not the scare tactics which have shown to be counter productive in other settings.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report
Notes:	<p>Our Title II grant went through with no revisions necessary and our site visit has been moved to October. OJJDP Regional training in Utah has been moved to Oct. 11 – 13 and our site visit will be two days prior to that. The Federal Advisory Committee met while Reg was in D.C. The House Appropriations Committee met and has approved an initial budget and cut five million dollars to the Title II program. Title V received 65 million of which 55 million is earmarked, leaving ten million for the program. Reg distributed the 2005 FAC report, which is also available online at www.facjj.org.</p> <p>Last month we made a request for websites that you think would be helpful to the public regarding juvenile justice, only one was received. If you have one in mind, please email Reg. The UBJJ Executive Committee will meet in July to plan our October annual meeting. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Fall Conference, <i>Law Enforcement</i></p>

	<p><i>Solutions for Reducing Racial Disparity and Disproportionate Minority Contact in Juvenile Justice</i>, will be in New Orleans September 7 – 10, 2006. Contact Reg if you would like to attend.</p>
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Holly Martak attended the CCJJ board meeting and presented our grants. Our second set of grants will be due in July. Reg will send out an email to remind all to do site visits before we meet again.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 25, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Utah State Capitol Complex, East Bldg. Seagull Room.

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