

UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

MEETING ANNUAL MEETING MINUTE – APPROVED

Committee:	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee				
Date:	Thursday, November 5, 2015	Time:	8:30am – 3:30pm	Place:	Multi-Agency State Office Building, Room 1020C
Members Present	Anthony Johnson (Chair), Martin Nish, Narda Beas-Nordell, Jerry Oler, Rachel Edwards, Pat Berckman, Chris Crowder, Kris Shaw, Lauralee Gillespie, Leticia Alvarez, Kayley Richards, Stephanie Sinju, Emily Wetherley, Maria Garciaz, Isaac Atencio, Norma Villar, Steve Anjewierden				
Members Excused	Carol Voorhees, Van Nguyen, Mario Duran, Judge Renee Jimenez				
Members Absent	Kris Murphy, Shirlee Silversmith				
Staff & Guest	Staff: Cuong Nguyen, Antonette Gray				
Agenda Item 1:	Welcome/Introduction –Anthony Johnson/DMC Chair				
Notes	Anthony Johnson welcomed everyone to the DMC Subcommittee Annual Meeting. Kris Shaw motioned to approve 10/8/15 meeting minutes, and the motion was seconded by Maria Garciaz. The motion passed unanimously.				
Agenda Item 2	<p>UBJJ Overview- Cuong Nguyen</p> <p>Cuong gave an overview of OJJDP Act of 1974, including the four core protections inherent to this Act. He explained the role of UBJJ as a State Advisory Group is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop annual plans to implement the objectives of the JJDP Act and promote the development of an effective and coordinated juvenile justice system in Utah. 2) Disburse funds received pursuant to the JJDP Act in a manner consistent with the plan and forward funding recommendations for the ratification to the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (UCCJJ) 3) Advise the Governor, the Legislature, and CCJJ on juvenile justice matters and perform such other duties as assigned by the Governor, Legislature, and the CCJJ 				
Agenda Item 3	<p>DMC Orientation- Antonette Gray</p> <p>Antonette explained that the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC subcommittee) is a Subcommittee of the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice (UBJJ) and tasked with addressing the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. The Subcommittee's mission is to eliminate the disproportionate representation of minority youth at all points of contact in the juvenile justice system. Antonette also spent time to review FY14 DMC data in three DMC target jurisdictions and statewide data. Antonette reviewed progress made on DMC including the 2011 Diversion Assessment, 2012 Arrest and Referral Assessment, and the most recent DMC Best Practices Intervention Assessment, its findings, and recommendations. She spent time on discussing the makeup</p>				

	of subcommittee, goals, and accomplishments for 2015.
<p>Agenda Item 4</p>	<p>Juvenile Justice Services Report- Susan Burke</p> <p>Susan in her report shared that there is a challenge in addressing issues concerning Native American youth. She asked “What can the community do to address DMC especially with Native Youth?” Maybe initiate a study about Native American youth. Lauralee Gillespie added that the study would be helpful for us to understand what is really happening in their community. In addition, Susan says it is paramount for us to know who these youth that are in the secure facilities are. She suggested that perhaps a "tribe 101 recruitment" could be held to garner more attention to these jobs in tribal communities. Maria Garcia acknowledged that there is a barrier to employment for Native Americans. The fact is that there is not adequate employment where this population would qualify, which affects their ability to secure employment. Susan also added that her employees attend cultural competency training to be more equipped to culturally respond to cases involving Native American youth. She admits that we know a lot when it comes to the JJ System, but outside of that is what STPP data covers.. That data focuses primarily on disproportionality as it relates to school discipline for Native youth. She added that something must be done, and she is willing to collaborate to address the issues surrounding Native American youth. Emily Wetherley stated that Susan could work with Gabriel Archuleta who is the CIP at the third district Juvenile Court on a collaborative project.</p> <p>Cuong mentioned that discussion with Tribal nations might be helpful. Perhaps looks at opportunity to collaborate and share information at such setting as the Native American Summit. Susan said she is willing to collaborate on a project, and JJS will be involved. There was mention that we need to request tracking for youth who has legal representation. Kris Shaw also mentioned that DCFS first day removal policies have inherent DMC concerns. Steve Anjewierden suggested that there needs to be clear definitions for each point of contact. This is because these points have different meanings, and these differ between law enforcement, and probation.</p> <p>Cuong mentioned that it might be useful to analyze and understand the sources of referral.". Susan and Cuong both agreed that the DMC Subcommittee needs to focus on disproportionality at the secure levels of confinement.</p> <p>Steve suggested that perhaps the Subcommittee should approach Major Scott Stephenson to re-energize, and review the Community Relations curriculum.</p> <p>Jerry Oler suggested that we should look into getting the data faster, and sooner. When data is received, it is already much later than the actual fiscal year in which it is received. His main concern was regarding relevance of the data when it is presented.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5</p>	<p>DMC Best Practice Update- Moises Prospero/Steve Anjewierden</p> <p>There was an overview of the process it took to create the SRO Curriculum from the Assessment, Findings, Recommendations, to Curriculum development. Currently, the plan is to take this training statewide. The intention to cover the State according to the map of the Judicial District. SLC County has one more district-wide training, the actual district wide trainings will be conducted in both Utah, and Weber counties in 2016. We are working to get full “buy-in” from both counties with their School administrators, and respective LEAs.</p>

Agenda Item 6	UBJJ Update- Cuong Nguyen Cuong shared information on UBJJ 2016 priorities, and agenda items.
Agenda Item 7	DMC Existing Priorties- Antonette Gray Antonette shared that 2015 goals focused on: a. Develop intervention plan b. Develop plans/programs to increase utilization of diversion or maintain diversion level for minority youth in Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber Counties, when appropriate c. Raise awareness and seek collaborations among professional communities on DMC issues
Agenda Item 8	Brainstorming & Discussions – 2016 Priorties a. Micro-research in JJS on Native American youth b. Need to revamp, re-energize the content matter for the Community Relations curriculum c. Continue to support the STPP as it complements DMC d. Need to analyze the overrepresentation of minority youth in detention, and secure care (how many referrals are from LE, how many result from contempt orders(VCO; what are the actual contributing factors that increase the rates for minority youth in these facilities)
Agenda Item 9	Vote for DMC candidate: Narda Baes-Nordell motioned to approve Cathy Valerio as a replacement for Kris Shaw, and the motion was seconded by Norma Villar. The motion passed unanimously.
Next Meeting: Thursday January 21, 2016; 10:00-11:30 a.m. Location: State Capitol Complex, Copper Room	

Minutes prepared by Antonette Gray/DMC Coordinator