

**Board of Juvenile Justice  
Thursday, June 22, 2006  
5:30 p.m.**

**Vic's on the River  
115 E. River Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401**

**Opening Remarks**

J. Daniel Shuman, Chair

Mr. Shuman called to order the June 22, 2006 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education. He noted the time as 5:30 p.m. Following his request for introductions from all guests and others present, Mr. Shuman invited everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then observe a Moment of Silence. Afterwards, he asked for the Roll Call.

**Roll Call**

Lena Wilson then called the roll.

**Board Members Present:** Michael Baugh; Van Herrin; William McQueen; Judy Mecum; Edwin A. Risler; J. Daniel Shuman; Sandra H. Taylor

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Judge Quintress Gilbert; Judge Ellen McElyea

**DJJ Staff Present:** Albert Murray, Commissioner; Jeff Alligood; Jack Catrett; Ericka Davis; Lorr Elias; Audrey Fuller; Rudy Gordon; Tony Jordan; Dr. Thomas O'Rourke; Sue Riner; Rob Rosenbloom; Pamela Sloan; Warren Tettey; Sher're Walton; Lena Wilson

**Others:** Eva Lou Shuman; Connie Murray; Davena Jordan, Executive Director – A.W.O.L.; Linda Brown; Jessica Davis; Ciara Campbell; Nekisha Jackson

Acknowledging the presence of a quorum, Mr. Shuman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2006 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was made by Sandra Taylor, seconded by Michael Baugh, and carried.

## Commissioner's Comments

### **Introduction**

Commissioner Murray greeted Chairman Shuman, other members of the Board, and all others present. He stated that it was good to get together again for the monthly meeting, especially in Savannah where we all like to visit. Commissioner stated that periodically during the summer months, meetings are held off site. He thanked the Board for their attendance at meetings, both at Central Office and off site and stated that attendance has been good.

Commissioner stated that today has been a productive day and expressed his hope that the training session Board members had attended earlier in the day with the Georgia School Board Association was beneficial. He stated that the Department appreciates each of them taking the time every year to receive this required training in their capacity as school board members.

Commissioner shared that his day started by having breakfast with the three juvenile court judges in Savannah, along with Rob Rosenbloom, Lorr Elias and others. He also had the opportunity to spend time at the RYDC with Warren Tettey and his staff. He expressed his pleasure at the progress being made at the facility and added that he also visited the Multi-Service Center in the afternoon to meet staff and spend time to review the work being done there. He stated that later on the agenda, staff from Region V would share with them about prevention programs and school based supervision.

Commissioner thanked Dr. Ed Risler for serving as the commencement speaker for the Basic Juvenile Correctional Officer Training on May 25, 2006. There were a total of 61 graduates in the class.

Acknowledging the amount of time members had previously spent earlier in the day, he stated that he will keep his report for this month fairly brief.

### **Operations Division**

- The Operations Division has received a \$63,000.00 grant to implement restorative justice programs in Southeast Georgia. The grant will fund pilot programs and a staff person to assist Program Coordinator Dee Bell in delivering technical assistance to the local programs. Ms. Bell made a presentation at the May 25, 2006 meeting regarding restorative programs and this week is coordinating training for a number of staff on these practices to include Judge Quintress Gilbert, Board Advisory member. Commissioner stated that we have made a heavy investment in BARJ (Balanced and Restorative Justice). He considers Ms. Bell an expert in that area and stated that she has brought the Department a long way in that regard.

- Detention population in our RYDCs has begun to moderate since school has stopped for the summer. This cyclical drop will allow for some respite for staff but normally only lasts until the end of August when school goes back into session. Population projects continue to concern us as the projections show significant increases in detention population. Our population control committee continues to meet weekly to make short term adjustments and long term plans to best utilize our bed space for the entire department. Commissioner complemented and commended staff for the work they do day to day, moving children around the state in a manner for us to balance our population and ensure that they receive the treatment and services they need.
- Beginning with the new fiscal year on July 1<sup>st</sup> the new case manager positions appropriated in the past session have been assigned and are currently being advertised to fill. These 67 additional positions will help reduce caseload size and provide additional supervision to youth in the community. Commissioner stated that it is his hope and expectation that we will get many good candidates to fill these most needed positions.
- The Department is in its second year of the Teen Work program sponsored by the First Lady's Children's Cabinet where foster youth are placed with state departments for summer part time work. DHR, DJJ, and other state departments got involved in this program last year and it has worked extremely well. The court services offices across the state are giving the youth community service experience and various enrichment experiences. We now have approximately 100 youth involved in this Teen Work program.
- Finally Commissioner informed the Board that Region Five staff will give a presentation on their prevention programs. They are involved in numerous activities and the Board will hear about some of them. Commissioner stated that he is very proud of these prevention programs and that he is very interested and heavily invested in them. Regional Administrator Lorr Elias has provided thoughtful leadership and has been at the forefront of many of the division's initiatives.

## **Program Services Division**

### Office of Behavioral Health Services

- The Office of Behavioral Health Services will begin providing oversight for the YDC Needs Assessment on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The YDC Needs Assessment is the process by which Education, Medical, Mental Health and the Facility Case Manager come together to review a youth's needs and plan for services while that youth is at the YDC.

## Office of Medical Services

- Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne, Director of the Office of Medical Services was invited to speak by the National Minority AIDS Council in San Francisco to over 250 representatives from multiple states on health services provided by various Departments of Juvenile Justice, including Georgia. The focus of the conference was on health services provided to inmates while still incarcerated and transitional planning for HIV infected inmates returning to the community. Georgia was highlighted as one of the original seven states funded several years ago by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in a Correctional Demonstration Project to address this growing problem. Dr. Staples-Horne was asked to present as one of the successful programs that had been implemented through the CDC grant. Although DJJ serves only a few known HIV positive youth, we recognize the risk behaviors that lead to HIV infection. We screen and treat sexually transmitted infections, provide education and offer HIV testing upon request. Our transitional planning efforts through the Interagency Case Management Program were also highlighted during this conference. Commissioner stated that this was a great opportunity for Dr. Staples-Horne to represent Georgia and all juvenile justice departments around the nation, and to bring national attention to Georgia in terms of being a leader in juvenile justice health care.
- A joint administrative meeting was held this month with the Office of Behavioral Health and the Office of Medical Services. Office Directors, Assistant Directors, Administrative Physicians and Pharmacists, and Regional Administrative staff were included. Overlapping issues were discussed to include the mental health nurse and medical clerk responsibilities, new medical records format, JTS shared modules, and the new pharmacy contract which was awarded to United Pharmacy.

## **Office of Campus Operations**

Augusta YDC-Last month Commissioner mentioned that the Augusta YDC would be holding graduation ceremonies and one youth was scheduled to graduate with a high school diploma. He later learned that this youth graduated with a college preparatory certification and did so a year early. He has been accepted by Georgia Perimeter College for the fall term. Eight other youth received GEDs. He congratulated Ms Audrey Armistad, Principal at the YDC, John Brady and others.

Muscogee YDC-This week a group of DJJ staff consisting of the Muscogee YDC Director, Assistant Directors, Chief of Security, a representative from Campus Operations and one from Training journeyed to Missouri to observe that state's YDC cottage culture concept. Cottage Culture is another way to say TEAM. This concept has at its core the principle of accountability while emphasizing positive relationship building as youth examine their thinking errors and identify appropriate choices. The concept

depends heavily on total staff involvement and peer reinforcement. Commissioner stated that this is the concept we are implementing at the Muscogee YDC. He shared that while he served as Commissioner in Kansas, he had the opportunity to become very familiar with this concept.

Savannah River Challenge Program-Associated Marine Institute, the vendor operating the Savannah River Challenge Program, annually sponsors a 5-day diving invitational trip to the Florida Keys for deserving youth. This year, with court approval, Savannah River participated for the first time sending two youth. Response has been very positive and has led to increased participation from the community and parents. Commissioner stated that it is his hope that we can increase the number of youth participating in this program.

## **Fiscal Management and Administrative Services**

### Office of Training

- There will be ten (10) management level staff (District Directors, Facility Directors, etc.) graduating with the BJCOT class on June 30, 2006 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center at 1:30 p.m. Mary Wilhite, DJJ Board Member was scheduled to be the guest speaker however, she will not be able to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner asked that any board members interested in filling in for Ms. Wilhite to please inform Ericka Davis, Director of Public Affairs.
- On June 28, 2006, there will be a 3-hour NIC videoconference (satellite/internet broadcast) introducing those working with juvenile offenders to the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)—which aims to prevent, address, and provide sanctions for the abuse of children and youth under the custodial care of juvenile and other authorities. The primary DJJ host site for the videoconference will be the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia in the auditorium beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. A secondary Metro-Atlanta site maybe announced at a later date.

## **Announcements**

- Commissioner announced that the Muscogee Youth Development Campus and the Aaron Cohn Regional Youth Detention Center were selected to be included in the 2006-2007 issue of the American Institute of Architects Justice Facilities Review! This is a very prestigious booklet of the top criminal justice projects in the U.S. that are selected by jury each year from nearly 100 applicants. Owners, operators and design firms of criminal justice facilities consider being published in the Justice Facilities Review as one of the highest honors in our industry. Congratulations to Ed Cook, Director of Engineering and his staff and Facilities Group on this accomplishment. He added that once copies of the booklet are available in either August or September, they will be made available to the Board.

- Commissioner stated that at last month's meeting, he informed the Board that he had been invited to testify before the National Prison Rape Elimination Act Commission at the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts. The Commission, chaired by Federal District Judge Reggie Walton, was created as a part of the National Prison Rape Elimination Act. On June 1, 2006, he did testify and served as a panel expert before the Commission at a public hearing as a result of a study and survey of Georgia's juvenile justice system. For those who were not at last month's meeting, he iterated that Georgia was found to be one of the systems with the lowest number of incidents of sexual assault in the nation. The PREA applies to all prisons and juvenile systems nationwide. U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy delivered remarks before the Commission along with several experts appearing before the Commission including: Grace Chung Edwards, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; Gwendolyn Chunn, President of the American Correctional Association; Leonard Dixon, President, National Juvenile Detention Association; Barry Krisberg, Ph.D., National Council on Crime and Delinquency and others. He stated that overall he believes the hearing went extremely well.
  
- The Agency sponsored its Annual Office of Training Conference, May 31- June 2, 2006 at Lake Lanier. There were 66 staff in attendance. This served as the last Training Conference for Marilyn Reaves, Director of the Office of Training who will be retiring in the fall. Staff took this time to acknowledge Marilyn's service to the agency.
  
- Commissioner reminded the Board that at the December 2005 Board meeting he announced that Deputy Commissioner Rob Rosenbloom had been nominated within the American Correctional Association to the Board of Governors and that he, himself, had been nominated to serve on the Commission on Accreditation within ACA which is the highest office one can hold short of serving on the Executive Committee. These are important national leadership positions and an honor for us and the Department to be nominated. The election was held in the spring. He stated that he was pleased to announce that both he and Rob were elected to the positions on the Board of Governors and the Commission on Accreditation within ACA. (This announcement was met with a thunderous round of applause.) These are national offices. The Board of Governors sets policy for ACA and the Commission on Accreditation actually grants accreditation to juvenile systems and prisons. He and Rob will have the opportunity to represent the department in a very special way.

## **Conclusion**

Commissioner concluded his remarks and opened the floor for questions or comments.

## **Region V – Prevention Programs**

Lorr Elias, Regional Administrator

Before beginning her presentation, Ms. Elias introduced to the Board Mr. Warren Tettey, the new director of the Savannah RYDC. She stated that he has single-handedly transformed the center and that there was evidence of that in the presentation to come. Ms. Elias then introduced Ms. Sue Riner, Region V Residential Placement Specialist. She stated that Ms. Riner has the responsibility to advise what's right for a child and what type of program or services they need. Both Mr. Tettey and Ms. Riner were greeted with a round of applause.

Ms. Elias thanked Commissioner Murray and Deputy Commissioner Rob Rosenbloom for the support that they provide to her and the staff in Region V. She added that the support she receives from them surpasses any she has received from any prior management staff.

At this point, Ms. Elias referenced the handouts distributed to the Board. The handouts included:

- A listing of prevention programs in Districts 9, 11, and 12, which includes the name of the vendor, the type of service provided; the Department's role in the program, the targeted population, and the expected impact of the program.
- An article from the Georgia Trend magazine on the Bryan County Early Intervention program.
- A summary of youth with mental health problems housed at the Claxton RYDC.
- An overview and history of the Savannah Youth Collaborative (System of Care for Children and Families)

Ms. Elias stated that a System of Care is building community capacity to support children that need more assistance. It is based in part on the premise that these children don't need to be shipped off; they don't need to be locked up; and they don't need to fall back on a system that does not have resources.

At this point, Ms. Elias introduced Ms. Audrey Fuller, newly appointed Director of DJJ District 12. Ms. Fuller stated that in District 12, in Chatham County, JPPS I, Tony Jordan has started an intervention/prevention program working with youth on his caseload. She shared that Mr. Jordan reported to her that while attending basic training after he began working with DJJ, he thought about a program working with kids he did while in college and determined he could do the same with the kids on his caseload. She stated that this is something they want all the employees to do; to come up with their own prevention/intervention methods. Mr. Jordan and his wife Davena were present to talk about their program, A.W.O.L. (All Walks of Life), along with some of the youth in the program, to show what they are doing and how the program impacts their lives. Youth

involved in the program are allowed to express themselves through poetry, spoken word, dance, music, and other things teens like to do. Mr. Jordan and his wife were called upon to provide a snapshot of what their program is about.

Mrs. Davena Jordan took the floor and introduced herself as the wife of Tony Jordan and also as the Executive Director of AWOL. She stated that she will share with them a PowerPoint presentation that will give a brief overview of what the program is, what it's about, and how they intervene in the lives of young people in the community.

Mrs. Jordan reminded the Board that the Savannah community has a group of very challenging young people and AWOL is a result of seeing them crying out every day in their actions and involvements.

Continuing, Ms. Jordan informed the Board that the mission of AWOL is to promote and provide self-awareness, which leads to Savannah area youth living non-destructive lifestyles through the use and development of artistic abilities in the form of slam poetry, dance, music, creative writing, visual arts and drama. They try to reach youth by meeting them on their level of understanding. Their goal is to provide youth with a safe and fun night time and after school youth center that encourages positive youth development through conflict resolution training, literacy training and health awareness. Most importantly AWOL advocates for urban youth by encouraging career development, education, respect for others, and creativity.

As a youth arts programs AWOL's program design contains activities that are designed to reduce the influence of risk factors by providing opportunities for youth to learn new skills and by recognizing individual youth's efforts. This approach, according to juvenile justice literature, promotes bonding, which helps youth cope with the negative influence of risks they face.

- In 2003, they decided to incorporate and become a non profit organization and offer these services to Savannah's young population
- In 2005, they launched a television series that is produced in-house called the 'Chop Shop'. Some of these are actually produced by the young people participating in the program.
- In 2006, they produced their first hip-hop history play. This was one of their best events, ever, with over 1,200 audience members, four sold out performances, and youth participating put in 7,000 hours of evening time! This indicated to them that youth were obviously looking for something to do during the evening hours other than get into trouble.
- Services currently in place include anger management workshops, theater of performing arts events, literacy intervention program, and media literacy program.

- Fund raising and other program activities are driven by the arts.

The program is composed of a series of after school evening workshops where youth attend workshops on conflict resolution, literacy and vocabulary building, along with health awareness. The program runs for 12 weeks with the last module (4 weeks) focusing on students taking the skills and new knowledge learned in the workshops and expressing them through the creation of their own raps or poetry. This module focuses on career development in the arts, by allowing each participant to assume a role in the planning and implementation process of a community fundraising performance. Youth will learn about such jobs as being a Show Promoter, Marketing Director or Performance Artist. The shows' themes will be selected by youth involved in the program. The Community Performance component is one of the most important portions of the AWOL program, because it will allow for youth achievement and recognition thereby increasing self-esteem. All programs participants' progress will be monitored by checking their grades and absenteeism in school.

After her presentation of the program, Ms. Jordan introduced Mr. Tony Jordan, who she stated is the 'heartbeat' of AWOL. Mr. Jordan joined DJJ in 2003 as a Juvenile Probation/Parole Specialist (JPPS). He has over 10 years experience working with at-risk youth. He is also a hip-hop activist and spoken word artist.

Mr. Jordan gave a very enthusiastic greeting to the group. Beginning, he stated that he started AWOL in 1997 on the campus of Savannah State. It was the first campus-based poetry organization. From there it grew off campus, having shows in the community that blossomed. He confirmed Ms. Elias' introduction statement that he was in pre-service (basic training) when he envisioned using the AWOL program to help the kids served by the department. With the help of his wife and others, AWOL was launched.

Mr. Jordan stated that he wanted the Board to see what the program has done with the youth involved, so he brought some of them with him to show the results of what they are doing. He first introduced two young ladies who performed a spoken word poem entitled "This is a Public Service Announcement." The young ladies' performance was very dynamic and the message they gave was very powerful. The recitation was received with thunderous applause.

The next person to address the group was a young man who was committed to the department the first time at the age of eleven charged with terroristic threats and criminal trespass. He stated that, at the time, his mindset was he just didn't care and being detained would not prevent him from doing what he was doing. He shared his story with the group stating that he is sixteen years old and only met his father when he was fourteen. He is currently committed to the department at the Savannah RYDC.

The young man stated that while he was in the RYDC, he met an employee who was always smiling and upbeat. He asked him how he was able to do that when he was working daily with kids like himself. He stated that he asked the employee for help; that

he wanted to change his life and needed guidance, someone to show him how to do and be better. He found out that the employee was involved with an organization called All Walks of Life (AWOL) that was doing some very positive things with young people. The one thing about the organization that stood out for him was the hip-hop history program. He stated that this was one of the best things that had happened to him in his life because he met some amazing people. It helped being around positive people, there was nothing negative about it. He stated that AWOL was needed in the community, the state and in the country. He stated that it made a difference in his life and believes that it can make a difference in the lives of other youth like him. The youth stated that AWOL taught him how to treat people and how to express himself. He then shared two spoken word poems with the group that he composed. These works were very powerful and were based on events happening in the Savannah area re: black-on-black crime (“Think About It”) and his perception of what hip-hop means to him (“Hip-Hop”). His recitation was received with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to share his story and his craft.

Mr. Jordan was overcome with emotion after the performance and stated that these kids are the reason he is involved in the work he does. Ms. Elias injected that for Mr. Jordan, it’s not work; it is a way of life.

The last youth to speak to the group stated that his first memory of his life is when he was about seven (7) years old. His mother was an addict and his father was absent from the home. He had no one to care for him so he turned to the street to get what he needed to survive. He stated that he is currently 20 years old and was released from the Milledgeville YDC in 2003, after five years of detention. He stated that he was determined that he was not going to continue on this path and turned to religion and relied on his faith to see him through. While listening to the radio, he heard of AWOL and that they were auditioning for a hip-hop play that they would be performing. He decided to audition and it was from this that he found something positive to do. He stated that it was through hip hop that he was able to unlock the words he needed to express himself; the words were inside all along. He thanked Mr. Jordan for sharing his vision with his wife, then to him and other kids like him. He stated that AWOL is about more than hip-hop. Hearing about hip-hop and other activities draws youth in, but once in, they realize that there is more and that they can earn their GED as well as learn occupational skills they can use in the workforce. He stated that youth need an organization like AWOL; a place they can come to after-hours, in order to express themselves without negativity.

Mr. Jordan stated that he was grateful and honored to be in attendance and he thanked Commissioner Murray and the Board for the opportunity and their support.

At this point, Rudy Gordon, Director of District 11, addressed the Board. He stated that he is thankful for getting new staff in community programs, offices, and clerical help. He stated that his district had the largest average case loads in the state. He briefed the Board on a prevention and diversion program located in Coffee County (Douglas,

Georgia). The program is called C.H.O.I.C.E.S. (Communication, Hope, Opportunity, Improvement, Change, Empower, Success).

The program's Mission is "Building environments that promote well being and success for the children and their families in our community."

Their goals are:

- Reduce the number of unexcused absences among program participants;
- Reduce the number of discipline referrals among program participants.

Mr. Gordon stated that we have partnered with the school system (middle schools and high schools in Coffee County) and with the juvenile judge to fulfill the program's mission and to attain the program's goals. He stated that the school system has the discretion to make direct referrals to the program without going through the juvenile court. The judge has allowed us the discretion to divert the cases we think could be better served in this program. The judge retains his discretion and authority to overrule that decision.

He stated that another good thing about the program is that it has parent participation.

Youth Sessions include:

- Why are you here?
- Consequences/anger Management
- Alcohol, Drugs and Peer Pressure
- Communication/Goal Setting

Parent Sessions include:

- Self-Esteem
- Stress Management
- Stages of Addiction
- Communication/Goal Setting

Both parents and students attend four (4) consecutive sessions between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Students attend a refresher session five (5) weeks after completion of four required sessions. He stated that of the 86 youth who went through the program during the school year, only two have had new charges filed.

Mr. Gordon stated that the program is being considered for replication in other counties.

## **Update: School Based Supervision**

Jeff Alligood, Assistant Director  
District 9

Mr. Alligood played a video of District Director Adam Kennedy speaking about the program. He then stated that at the beginning of January 2006, they were able to get two school based supervision officers in District 9. As a result, they have been able to accomplish their goal to track students' progress. Of the 32 students tracked, only one student has recidivated. He added that once the school resource officer and school based supervision officer combined their resources there was not one single hand to hand assault during the school year.

He stated that they are excited about the program and is getting ready for the new school year. He stated that, in the interest of time, he would be happy to talk with anyone during dinner following the meeting, if they had questions and/or comments.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to convene the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education. The motion was made by William McQueen, seconded by Van Herrin, and carried.

## **Education Update**

Dr. Thomas O'Rourke, Associate Superintendent  
Office of Education

Dr. O'Rourke stated that he would keep his report succinct. He stated that while reading about test scores and No Child Left Behind (NCLB), it stated that the best schools in the state are schools that have strong community bonds and community relationships and there are parents involved in the school. He stated that it is important to have programs such as the ones described and shared by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Alligood, and others who spoke earlier. He added that education does not take place in a vacuum, but takes place when everyone is pulling together, supporting the youth and doing whatever is necessary to educate them.

Education takes place in a well organized and well disciplined atmosphere. He thanked Dr. Ed Risler for visiting the Savannah RYDC with him earlier in the day. He stated that there is no question in his mind that we have an outstanding education program in place, but it will not work if the atmosphere is not disciplined or organized. The program they observed was outstanding.

With the NCLB legislation, we are required to have highly qualified teachers (subject specific), particularly in the long term facilities. He stated that Jack Catrett, Special Education Director is working on this challenge. He stated that they have had to send five letters of warning to teachers informing them that they have to get certified in a

particular area. He stated that, hopefully, by August 31<sup>st</sup>, they will have most of that corrected.

Dr. O'Rourke stated that we have a full summer school program; our schools run for a full 220 days (180/40). We have far too many of our kids failing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade criterion test. Some are not taking it seriously and others are just behind and do not have the skills. During the summer, we will remediate in English, Reading and Mathematics. They have one more chance to take the test in July. They hope to get the kids as many Carnegie units as possible before they return to school in the fall so that they will not be so far behind.

He stated that the program is going well even though they have had a few bumps in the road. He concluded his comments and opened the floor for questions.

Dr. Risler stated that he was pleased with the atmosphere in the facility he visited earlier. Dr. O'Rourke added that the kids were bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready to learn. He expressed that it made him feel proud to experience that.

Van Herrin stated that during a session he participated in earlier in the day, one of the attorneys in attendance made the comment that in Louisiana, he estimated and was told that half of the teachers in that state were not qualified; not even in the areas they taught. He stated that he thinks is great that our schools are accredited and he commended Dr. O'Rourke on it.

Chairman Shuman then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education and reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. William McQueen moved to adjourn the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education and reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded by Judy Mecum and carried.

### **Chair's Comments**

J. Daniel Shuman  
Board Chair

Mr. Shuman stated that the only announcement is the next scheduled Board meeting. The meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2006 at Central Office at 11:00 a.m.

At this point Judge Quintress Gilbert stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion on Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). She informed everyone that she is attending the 'Train the Trainer' week long event at Epworth By The Sea. She stated that it is a wonderful event and she encouraged board members that are interested in participating in something worthwhile to consider facilitating some of the sessions. She asked that they contact Dee Bell or Jeff Allgood for further information, if interested.

Hearing no other questions or comments, Chairman Shuman called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Sandra Taylor, seconded by William McQueen and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Daniel Shuman, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Albert Murray  
Commissioner

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Dr. Ed Risler, Secretary  
Board of Juvenile Justice