



## UPAN Newsletter Volume 2 Number 3 | MARCH 2015

*“Empowerment and Growth through Knowledge and Unity”*

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April 13<sup>th</sup> UPAN Meeting 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Please join us at the April Utah Prisoner Advocate Network monthly meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be **Jan Nicol**, Supervisor of Hearing Officers for the **Board of Pardons and Parole**.

Questions have been received from UPAN families and inmates and have been given to Ms. Nicol to incorporate into her presentation. Free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

Meeting Location: Ruth Vine Tyler Library, 8041 Wood Street, Midvale, UT 84047 (from I-15, exit on 9000S, go east to State St., left (North) to Columbia Drive, left (West) about two blocks to Wood St., right one-half block to library parking lot. (If you miss Columbia Drive it is one block south of 8000S.)

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Public Forum on the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole:  
Assessing Release Decisions, Offender Needs, and Recidivism Rates

April 16 @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please join the Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (UACDL), Utah State Bar, ACLU of Utah, and the Libertas Institute on a very important public forum about the Utah Board of Pardons and their decision-making process.

Panelists:

- Ron Gordon, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
  - Keith Hamilton, Former Chair, Utah Board of Pardons and Parole
  - Lorenzo Miller, Former Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole
  - Daryl Sam, Contract Defense Attorney for Inmates appearing before the Board of Pardons and Parole
- Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Kent Hart at: [executivedirector@uacdl.org](mailto:executivedirector@uacdl.org)

Approved for three (3) hours of CLE credit. Co-Sponsored by:

American Civil Liberties Union of Utah  
Criminal Law Section of the Utah State Bar  
Libertas Institute of Utah  
Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Location: Utah Law and Justice Center (I-15 to 600S, east to 200E, in the SE quadrant of the intersection. The address is: 645 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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## Summary of UPAN Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2015

Heather Fabian of the UPAN staff briefed the group on the speakers' topics of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> FOCUS Meeting (more details in the FOCUS Meeting summary in this issue of the UPAN Newsletter, page 6). These subjects included V.I.N.E. (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), a system available to victims (after they register) to stay updated on the custody status of their offender on a 24/7 basis. Anyone can use this service.

Also covered was the Victim/Offender Dialogue (VOD) procedure wherein the victim can seek a controlled meeting with the offender. (See page 5 of this newsletter.) And lastly, the delicate but serious subject of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), with details of the procedures followed once a report is received.

Other subjects covered at the FOCUS Meeting were an introduction to the Department of Corrections website and a review of GRAMA, the Government Records Access and Management Act, which covers access requirements and handling of legal and personal/privileged information. The latter procedures cover the medical release forms, a subject of intense interest among inmates' support people who have struggled repeatedly to help their inmate with health and medical issues, often with little or no success.

The medical release form is NOT the HIPPA form, for those people who are familiar with this struggle. The correct medical release form was reported to be posted soon on the Dept. of Corrections website by the Public Information Officer, Brooke Adams.

Anna Brower, Public Policy Advocate for ACLU of Utah, briefed the group on a news conference she had just come from regarding prison relocation. Other subjects discussed included necessity for technical training of inmates before release (and a good economy so jobs are available), and legislation that would impact the "Good Landlord Program" with some changes expected that will make housing more available for felons.

Cited as encouraging info, Anna stated that the legislators are savvy about the shortcomings of current "Good Landlord" laws and regulations and are open and listening to the numerous incidents that were not factored into the legislation and regulations when first established. Anna also declared the rally of March 6<sup>th</sup> in support of reform legislation, was a worthwhile success.

The next UPAN Meeting will be on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### UtahPolicy.com Reports That The Majority of Utahns Support Criminal Justice Reform Proposal

A UtahPolicy.com article written by Bob Bernick on March 11, 2015 states that a new UtahPolicy poll by Dan Jones & Associates finds that 74 percent of registered voters agree with the major criminal justice reforms: Get mentally ill, drug and alcohol addicted criminals into rehabilitation programs, and sentence them to shorter times in prison or secure rehab facilities. That's a big number, especially for Utah where the get-tough-on-criminals has long been the Legislature's main mantra.

Bernick reports that Utahns favor the reform changes even though they will cost more in the short run, as

state and local corrections officials transition to more inmate treatment. It will cost the state an extra \$16 million next fiscal year.

A big reason is money. Over time, the state can save hundreds of millions of dollars through keeping fewer people locked up longer.

But there is also a feeling of humanitarianism in the Legislature this year, as several lawmakers have talked about their time as lay LDS missionaries in jails and prison facilities, and how the inmates need help much more than punishment.

The report shares the following interesting information:

- \* 70 percent of those who said they are "very active" in their LDS faith favor more treatment, less prison time.
- \* 63 percent of those who said they are "very conservative" politically favor the reforms.
- \* 79 percent of those who said they are politically "moderates" favor the changes.
- \* 68 percent of those who defined themselves as Republicans favor the reforms.
- \* 71 percent of those who said they are political independents want more inmate treatment, less punishment.
- \* 96 percent of Democrats approve of the changes.
- \* 98 percent of the "very liberal" are supportive of the reforms contained in the bill.

It will take time, warns the bill's sponsor, Eric Hutchings, R-Kearns, and state correction officials, before some good results are seen under the main reform bill, HB348. HB348 passed the House 72-3 and also passed the Senate on March 11. Utah Governor Gary Herbert supports it.

## HOUSE BILL 348 – Actual Wording

HB 348 amends Utah Code provisions regarding corrections, sentencing, probation and parole, controlled substance offenses, substance abuse and mental health treatment, vehicle offenses, and related provisions to modify penalties and sentencing guidelines, treatment programs for persons in the criminal justice system, and probation and parole compliance and violations to address recidivism.

This bill reduces penalties for specified offenses involving controlled substances and provides that specified penalties be increased for subsequent convictions for the same offenses:

- ▶ reduces the penalties for motor vehicle and vessel offenses as specified;
- ▶ defines criminal risk factors and requires that these factors be considered in providing mental health and substance abuse treatment through governmental programs to individuals involved in the criminal justice system;
- ▶ requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to establish standards for mental health and substance abuse treatment, and for treatment providers, concerning individuals who are incarcerated or who are required by a court or the Board of Pardons and Parole to participate in treatment;
- ▶ requires that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, working with the courts and the Department of Corrections, establish performance goals and outcome measurements for treatment programs, including recidivism;
- ▶ requires that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health track the performance and outcome data and make this information available to the public;
- ▶ requires that the collected data be submitted to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and that the commission compile the data and make it available to specified legislative interim committees;
- ▶ requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, to analyze specified programs and practices, and provide recommendations to the Legislature;
- ▶ requires the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study and report on programs initiated by state and local agencies to address recidivism, including cost reductions and the costs and resources required to meet goals for providing treatment as an alternative to incarceration;
- ▶ provides that the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice administer a performance incentive grant program that allocates funds to counties for programs and practices that reduce recidivism;
- ▶ requires that the Sentencing Commission modify sentencing guidelines, criminal history scores, and guidelines for periods of incarceration to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice regarding reducing recidivism;
- ▶ requires that the Sentencing Commission establish graduated sanctions to provide prompt and effective responses to violations of probation or parole;
- ▶ requires that the Sentencing Commission establish graduated incentives to provide prompt and effective responses to an offender's compliance and positive conduct;
- ▶ requires that the Department of Corrections implement the graduated sanctions and incentives established by the Sentencing Commission;
- ▶ requires that the Department of Corrections, in collaboration with the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and the Utah Association of Counties gather information related to treatment and program outcomes including recidivism reduction and cost savings based on the reduction in the number of inmates, and provide the information to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
- ▶ provides payments to county jails for housing probation and parole violators as funding is available;
- ▶ requires that the Department of Corrections develop case action plans for offenders, including a risk and needs assessment and treatment priorities;
- ▶ provides that the Department of Corrections may impose a sanction of three to five days for violations of probation or parole as part of the program of graduated sanctions;
- ▶ requires that the Department of Corrections evaluate and update inmates' case action plans, including treatment resources and supervision levels to address reentry of inmates into the community at the termination of incarceration;
- ▶ requires that the Department of Corrections establish a program allowing offenders to earn credits of days for compliance with terms of probation or parole, which will reduce the time on probation or parole;
- ▶ requires that the Department of Corrections report annually to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice the data collected regarding the earned credits program;
- ▶ requires the Department of Corrections to establish standards, including best practices, for treatment programs provided in county jails;
- ▶ requires the Department of Corrections to establish standards and a certification program for the public and private providers of the treatment programs;
- ▶ requires the Department of Corrections to establish goals and outcome measurements regarding the

treatment programs, collect related data, and analyze the data to determine effectiveness;

▸ requires that the Department of Corrections collaborate with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to:

- track a group of program participants to determine net benefit from using treatment as an alternative to incarceration; and

- evaluate costs and resources needed to meet goals for using treatment as an alternative to incarceration;

▸ requires that the Department of Corrections provide the data collected regarding the treatment programs to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice for the commission's use in preparing its annual report;

▸ requires that the Department of Corrections establish an audit for compliance with the treatment standards;

▸ provides that time served in confinement for a violation of probation is counted as time served toward

any term of incarceration imposed for the violation of probation;

▸ requires that the Board of Pardons and Parole establish an earned time program that reduces the period of incarceration for offenders who successfully complete programs intended to reduce the risk of recidivism, collect data on the implementation of the program, and report the data to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;

▸ requires that if the Board of Pardons and Parole orders incarceration for a parole violation, the board shall impose a period of incarceration that is consistent with the guidelines established by the Sentencing Commission and

▸ amends the offense of criminal trespass; and

▸ modifies a description regarding restricted persons and dangerous weapons as related to amendments made in this legislation regarding controlled substances.

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### Comments On The Current Status Of Criminal Justice In Utah

by Anna Brower, Public Policy Advocate for ACLU of Utah (with minor editing by the UPAN staff)

#### **HB348 Passage And Pending**

HB348 (the big Justice Reinvestment bill) has now passed through the senate and is waiting for Utah Governor Herbert's signature. You may have noticed a flurry of comments in the news over the past few weeks from the ACLU and other advocacy groups about the prison relocation process. They testified March 6<sup>th</sup> supporting Rep. Brad Wilson's HB454SB01 Prison Development Amendments bill allowing prison relocation talks to continue into 2015.

On Monday March 9th, the ACLU of Utah, Disability Law Center, Catholic Diocese, AFLCIO, AFSCME, USARA, NAMI-Utah, and a plurality of treatment providers favor seeing the process continue, because many vulnerable inmate populations could benefit from a new facility – in particular, the mentally ill, female, and geriatric inmates. Also those in protective custody and administrative segregation.

#### **Relocation Talk Keeps Reform Movement Going**

These groups acknowledge that the state is unlikely to ever invest in new, improved prison facilities (which, contrary to some publicly expressed opinions, are DESPERATELY needed) unless there is some other economic motive to do so. Prison relocation IS that motive. The ACLU and many other community organizations that serve prisoners, probationers, parolees, and other marginalized citizens don't care WHY the prison is moving – they are just happy that people are actually paying attention to the fact that we HAVE a prison and a criminal justice system that is sending too many people there.

#### **Remembering That Inmates Are People Too**

UPAN knows this is an unprecedented opportunity to better fulfill Constitutional and humanitarian obligations to people who end up behind bars in Utah. It may not matter where the prison moves, as long as it meets the objective criteria set forth by the Prison Relocation Commission, coupled with input from the public. This will ensure further dialogue on criminal justice reform.

#### **Draper May Be A Great Prison LOCATION --**

**But** ... the Utah State Prison at Draper is NOT a great prison facility – and no one is likely to do anything about it unless the prison moves. People seem to enjoy reminding us that "prison is not supposed to be a vacation!" We all understand that (Anna with the ACLU, UPAN directors and families, and others involved in trying to facilitate criminal justice reform). However, the vast majority of inmates will be released. Investing in a facility that won't severely handicap or injure the inmates (mentally, physically, or emotionally) is in the best interest of everyone including the public. One day they be our neighbors and work associates.

#### **Anna Brower And UPAN Reminds Us:**

"Like it or not, we have important Constitutional obligations to any individual, whatever he/she has done, who ends up in a government facility. It is very easy for those of us who are not IN prison, or who don't WORK in the prison, or who don't have a LOVED ONE in prison, to ignore the issues that go on inside our prisons." If nothing else, the prison relocation conversation keeps the spotlight squarely trained on what happens behind bars in Utah - and that is a GOOD thing!

## Victim/Offender Dialogue (VOD)

At the March 2015 FOCUS meeting, Doug Fawson presented on the Victim/Offender Dialogue (VOD) program they have at Utah State Prison. This process must be initiated by the victim and is limited to a few specific types of crimes. This program began 10 years ago. Mr. Fawson reported that he has facilitated 24 of these in the past 8 or 9 years and all have been an “amazing success.” To date, there have been only two

offenders who have declined to meet with their victims. At this time, one of those two offenders has now come to a point where he is ready to do so. While there was a news report on this program a few years ago, it is not widely known about.

The following is taken from the handouts about the program Mr. Fawson shared during the meeting.

“Though the lives of many victims/survivors of violence and violation have been devastated, these survivors have enormous capacity for healing and moving forward with strength and purpose. And though the trauma and PTSD some survivors contend with are life sentences of their own, victim/offender dialogue (VOD) can offer a new sense of healing and justice for some. VOD between victims / survivors and incarcerated offenders in such serious and violent crimes as murder, manslaughter, sexual offense and other crimes of severe violence has been going on for nearly ten years at the Utah State Prison. These dialogues are not simply conversations, but complex interactions following a delicate preparation process by trained facilitators. The victims/survivors who choose VOD often find this process a way to express some of their pain, and to get answers to questions only the offenders in their cases can provide. At the same time, properly prepared offenders begin to grasp a more personal understanding of the terrible impacts of what they have done, and of personal accountability.

The Department of Corrections employs the Victim-Centered VOD model, which presumes that requests for dialogue are initiated by the victims/survivors and – in any case– absolutely insists that the preparation and dialogue process remain unassailably “anchored” in addressing the needs of those victims / survivors. On the other hand, because the preparation work of VOD requires the cooperation and trust of the incarcerated offender, the facilitator must also be able to apply the highest degree of understanding and sensitivity to offender issues. Without that trust a successful dialogue outcome will be much less certain.

The VOD preparation process does not have a set timeframe but will often take several months of conversation and self-reflection, especially with offenders who are far removed from their feelings – or who still fail to grasp the impacts of their crimes or understand personal accountability. Also, VOD can carry a risk for re-victimizing victims/survivors if the whole process is not facilitated with wisdom and great care. Facilitating the preparation with the requisite sensitivity to the issues of victims and offenders requires that facilitators possess, in addition to experience and understanding, a unique combination of attributes including self awareness, the ability to listen deeply, and capacity for empathy and tenacious support.”

UPAN was pleased to learn more about VOD and we hope to be useful in assisting individuals who have been victimized in learning about the opportunity presented through this program. In addition, it is likely

that this process not only assists victims / survivors in their healing processes but also helps the offenders as they come to terms with their past choices and facilitate some healing within themselves as well.

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### Willy the Plumber Scholarships for Children of Inmates

Willy the Plumber Scholarship is specifically for children of incarcerated persons who are doing a lot of time. It was created and is sponsored by Karl’s Affordable Plumbing (Karl Winsness) and managed and administered by the Community Foundation of Utah, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization registered with the IRS. For more information please contact The Community Foundation of Utah 423 West 800 South Suite A 101, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 or call 801-559-3005. You may also contact Karl Winsness at 801-548-1829.

The scholarship award amount is \$500 annually for vocational and technical schools, and \$1,000 annually for colleges and universities. The number of awards varies based on the number of qualified applicants and the number of donations received to fund the scholarships. \$3,500 in scholarships were awarded in 2014 as well as \$3,500 awarded in 2013.

The deadline for 2015 scholarship awards is March 31, 2015. However, plan ahead to help a child of an incarcerated individual apply for next year.

The definition of a child of an inmate is interpreted loosely in this program. A child of an inmate can be a biological child, step child, common law child, biological but estranged child, where the birth certificate or last name is not as important as the visiting record or other supporting facts that show the connection between the child and the inmate.

The child should have a minimum of a 2.5 Grade Point Average to apply, but it is recommended the student have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average to receive the

best consideration. The following information is from the website: [willytheplumberscholarship.net](http://willytheplumberscholarship.net)

We recognize that these children themselves haven't done anything wrong – Basically they are also victims of their parents' bad choices; the 'Forgotten Victims of Crime.' We want to break that cycle, with a way out of prison visiting rooms, with an incentive and some financial help towards getting a higher education.

The purpose of these Scholarships is to first act as an incentive - a seed to succeed - for these kids to be able to do better than their parents; to know that they can do better. There is a Scholarship specifically for them (by getting good grades and staying out of gangs and drugs); there is help with that financial burden of college.

The second is to provide not only some financial help and also possibly some direction. Too often, too little is expected of these kids. The student must have a strong desire to succeed in life and college or a post-high school institution; that will be determined by their application and their eligibility.

The number of Scholarships will be dependent on the amount of donations: The more money that comes in the more that can go out. It's up to me (Karl), the public, and the Utah State Prison Inmates to make sure that this scholarship keeps working - and then the inmates also get credit for its success.

This is still a work in progress and most of the funding for scholarships is coming out of Mr. Winsness' pocket. He hopes to receive donations from the public as well as from inmates.

the name of the recipient and whatever they want to disclose.

Every Scholarship handed out will be published on the Willy the Plumber website. This information will include

For more information or to contribute to the Willy the Plumber Scholarship, contact Community Foundation of Utah 801-559-3005.

<http://www.willytheplumberscholarship.net>

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Summary of FOCUS Meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Extracted From the Meeting Minutes.

Steve Turley, Special Project Director and DOC liaison for the FOCUS group, opened the meeting and announced that Monica Biorge will not be taking notes of the minutes because she has taken another position in the department. One unpleasant announcement was that longtime Focus Group attendee, Roy Droddy, passed away since the last meeting. Steve introduced the three presenters for the evening meeting, Doug Fawson, Victim Advocate; Brooke Adams, Public Information Officer for DOC; and Gina Proctor, Records Manager/GRAMA Specialist.

[www.corrections.utah.gov](http://www.corrections.utah.gov) and on the UPAN website [UtahPrisonerAdvocate.org](http://UtahPrisonerAdvocate.org).

Brooke Adams made a detailed presentation on the features and on getting around on the corrections website. Refer to the minutes at the above cited sources for Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, and others for DOC news and events.

Doug Fawson spoke on the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (V.I.N.E) service, a free automated hotline that provides victims with information and notification 24/7 on the custody status of their offender. This includes: Release from prison, escape from custody, return to custody from escape, death, and other actions. Further info on this service can be obtained at [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) or ph. 1-877-884-8463. The victim has to register for this free service.

Gina Proctor presented information regarding GRAMA statute 63G-2-101:Government Records Access and Management Act. This included 1) The Legislative intent; to balance public's right to access information and privacy interests, 2) The four classifications of records, public, private, controlled, and protected, 3) Inmate GRAMA Record Request forms that can be obtained from the Case Manager, 4) DOC's GRAMA process for inmate requests, plus time frames for responding to requests, and the GRAMA Appeals process.

Mr. Fawson spoke extensively about Victim/Offender Dialogue (VOD) which is covered on page 5 of this newsletter. Lastly, he covered many details about the PREA Protocols (Prison Rape Elimination Act). These details are in the minutes of the FOCUS Group meeting of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, available on the Corrections website:

There was some discussion about accessing inmate's medical records by the inmates support group and loved ones that is currently a hot topic and is destined for resolution soon.

Suggestions for presenters for the next Focus Group Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 p.m are Mental Health, Medical, and County Jails. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

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## An Open Letter to Inmates from UPAN Directors

First, we would like to thank you all for supporting UPAN in whatever manner you are doing so: by reading and sharing the newsletter with others, by getting your families and friends connected with UPAN, by sending us information about what you experience in the various correctional facilities throughout Utah, and by telling us 'thank you' when you feel we are doing something useful. Finally, we want to acknowledge that several of you have made significant sacrifices to send donations to UPAN to help keep us moving forward. Please know that your generosity is deeply appreciated, not only by those of us who know who you are, but certainly by many others who are incarcerated and families and friends out here who benefit from the efforts of UPAN.

We receive many letters every month about many topics ranging from dietary to medical issues, from safety concerns to programming and treatment issues. There are literally dozens of concerns and issues worthy of our full attention that arise regularly. We want you to know that we do the best we can to address what we can in a timely manner. When letters come in, we have to sort through them and prioritize the issues brought to our attention. Some need immediate attention and others can be set aside for future consideration. We also do our best to respond to those of you who write, but we get behind. We want to assure you that all of your letters are important. Also we hope you remember that those of us receiving your letters all have full time jobs, families, as well as our own incarcerated loved ones that we help.

We want you to know if you write us about problems obtaining timely or effective medical treatment we are limited in how we can pursue that type of problem. With Medical, there needs to be a release, required by the prison, for Dr. Garden, Dep. Warden DeJulio, or others in the Medical Service to speak to us about your medical conditions specifically. (We are currently working on determining exactly what that release is, because there is confusion between departments on what the correct form is at this time). But we do not need a release to relay to them what you have written us that are your concerns and needs. So for those of you who have written with medical issues, even if we have not written you back, please know that we do our best to contact Dr. Garden with the concerns you have presented and he generally assures us the situation will be looked into. He cannot tell us more than that.

For those of you who have family members to help you with medical issues, please give them your information (diagnosis, symptoms and what it is that is not being adequately addressed in a timely manner) and write a medical power-of-attorney designating whomever you want Medical to be able to talk to in your family. Then your family can work on helping you. We will notify everyone on UPAN mailing and email lists when we are given the specific form name or number that the prison

has that will work as a release of information for Medical.

Finally, we ask that everyone follow the prison policy and protocol in an effort to address your issues within the institution as well. While most of you have already done this prior to contacting UPAN, there have been several situations recently in which it has turned out that UPAN was the first place contacted and the inmate had not gone through the steps and processes required by the institution. So please submit your health care requests, file the grievances if you feel it is safe to do so, and follow the policies required by the prison. We are more effective in helping inmates when the prison administration recognizes that the inmates have already done their part and the ball has been dropped by the prison.

Also, when writing about specific problems you need help with, PLEASE give the whole story and specifics because we cannot work with what we don't know and it takes a lot of time and energy on both your and our parts to correspond back and forth to gather the additional information we need to pursue the issue.

We realize that not everyone will be pleased with everything we do. People will be unhappy if we cannot make their issue a priority at this time. We regret those situations, but they are the way things are at this time. With the public and political focus on criminal justice reform, as well as prison relocation at this time, we are spending significant time and energy in the area of working toward improvement of the system as a whole and at times are unable to get to individual concerns.

While we would like changes to occur more quickly than they do, it takes a lot of time to create shifts and changes in a system as huge and complex as Utah's criminal justice system. We are pleased with the passage of HB 348. However, one analogy we have come up with is that Criminal Justice Reform is like going on a world tour to every country around the world. It will take a LOT of planning and a LOT of time. This first step, the past year of meetings and negotiations, the active involvement of CCJJ in pursuing the Governor's mandate to reform Utah's system has been a busy one and a productive one. But even so, HB 348 is just a tiny first step in the process. In the world tour analogy, it represents us managing to get to the closest airport to our home to start our journey. We have a very long way to go! But we are happy with each accomplished step along the way.

We would also like to remind everyone that everything is connected in life, and nothing stands totally alone. That is the same way with criminal justice reform, prison relocation, and the well being of Utah society. We see the opportunity to make major changes in the way Utah

does things, and the only reason the discussions were initiated was due to the decision by our legislature that the Draper prison should be moved. It has become evident that the only reason we have this once in a lifetime chance to make changes is due to the willingness of Utah to invest in a new prison facility. In doing so, we have the chance to invest in reforms that will make a difference to the well being and success of inmates, parolees, and society in general.

In some indigenous cultures, the Eagle is looked at as a teacher. The Eagle can fly very high yet see sharply

what is very far away. The Eagle can see the “big picture” and how all life on the earth below is connected. Now is the time for us to look at the big picture, to be like the Eagle, and be farsighted and plan for the benefit of everyone both now and in the future.

Once again, we thank you for your support and interest and efforts you make from the inside.

Your Utah Prisoner Advocates, Molly, Shauna, Heather

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**Useful Information for Inmates**

We receive a lot of requests from inmates to send the minutes from our meetings and other information. We started a monthly newsletter last June (2014). We want you to have the information but we have very little time and financial resources.

That will streamline getting information out to as many as possible. If you do not have loved ones that can do that for you please write us and request the newsletter and other information and we will mail what we can to you. Our two addresses are as follows:

We ask if you have family or friends that have access to the internet and email that you ask them to email us and get on our email list. We will email the newsletter to them as an attachment and they can print and mail it to you. Another way: inform them that the complete UPAN Newsletter is posted on the UPAN website for copying. They can download and print it for you.

email address: [utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com](mailto:utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com)  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 464 Draper, UT 84020

Equally Important: WE DO NOT OFFER ANY LEGAL SERVICES AND DO NOT HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL, PLEASE DO NOT SEND US YOUR LEGAL DOCUMENTS.

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**Utah County Housing and Employment Needed**

**Utah Prisoner Advocate Network**

Hello everyone – we are trying to gather information on possible housing opportunities for parolees (felons, including sex offenders) in Utah County. Also any job prospects – employers in Utah County who hire felons. If you have any information about these two areas, please contact us. We thank you for your help in sharing information.

P.O. Box 464, Draper, UT 84020  
Website: [UtahPrisonerAdvocate.org](http://UtahPrisonerAdvocate.org)  
Email: [Utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com](mailto:Utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com)  
President: Molly Prince  
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