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This is a staff list for Cottonwood Youth Academy in Salt Lake City, UT
(a.k.a. Cottonwood Treatment Center, Universal Health Services (UHS))
(we are working to acquire the complete records for ALL year

THIS PROGRAM IS CLOSED.

We advise current and/or former staff to report any abuses you may have witnessed while working at Cottonwood Youth Academy. For information on your rights and how to take action, visit www.heal-online.org/blowthewhistle.htm. If you were fired or forced to resign because you opposed any illegal and/or unethical practices at Cottonwood Youth Academy, you have the right to take action.

If you were harmed (family or survivor) by Cottonwood Youth Academy, please contact info@heal-online.org if you remember the long-term employees and from which years. This will help! Also, if you recognize any of these staff as having worked at another program, please send in any information about their past or present employment at other facilities and/or cults.

Please don't place your loved one in Cottonwood Youth Academy and rescue them if they are there now.

Name	Unit/Position	Additional Information
Brad Gerrard	CEO	Formerly (possibly current) COO of notoriously abusive Provo Canyon School. And, owner of Academy at Canyon Creek. **Gerrard is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Jennifer Moorhead	Clinical Director	Moorhead is licensed solely as a mental health counselor in UT. She has been licensed in UT since 2006. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Damon Garner	Human Resources	**Garner is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Zoe Robbins	Nurse	Robbins is a licensed nurse in Utah and has been since 2008. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Dale Keller	Nurse	Keller is a licensed nurse in Utah and has been since 2005. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Signe Evans	Risk Manager	Evans is licensed solely as a Recreational Therapist and has been since 1989. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Ross Poore	Principal	Poore is a licensed educator in UT. Source: Utah State Office of Education E-mail Message.
Shanna James	Records	**James is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Tiffany James	Payroll	**James is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Alicia Wallenberg	Billing	HEAL does not verify professional licensure for office, janitorial, nor food preparation staff.
Jennifer Dees	Billing	**Dees no longer appears to be working for this facility. HEAL does not verify professional licensure for office, janitorial, nor food preparation staff.**
Steve Alonge	Business Development	**Alonge is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Angela Webb	Referral Development	HEAL requires Webb's full legal name (first, middle, and last) to verify whether or not Webb holds any professional licenses in Utah.
Jessica VanDenBerghe	Admissions	**VanDenBerghe is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Steve Havertz	Interim CEO	**Havertz is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Jill Spencer	Exec. Asst.	HEAL does not verify professional licensure for office, janitorial, nor food preparation staff.
Terrance "TJ" O'Reilly	Director of Nursing	O'Reilly is a licensed registered nurse in Utah and has been since April, 2013. Being licensed only for such a short time brings into question his qualifications to be director of nursing. In addition, his license is only valid in Utah and not recognized by other States. This is a red flag. Name: TERRANCE JOSEPH O'REILLY City, State, Zip, Country: CASPER, WY 82609, UNITED STATES Profession: NURSE License Type: REGISTERED NURSE VALID IN UTAH ONLY License Number: 8612681-3102 Obtained By: ENDORSEMENT License Status: ACTIVE Original Issue Date: 04/15/2013 Expiration Date: 01/31/2015 Agency and Disciplinary Action*: NONE Docket Number: N/A Education: **School Name** / **Major** / **Graduation Date** / **Degree** CASPER COLLEGE NURSING 2011-05-13 ASSOCIATE DEGREE Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Naomia M. Bell	Director of Intake	Bell is a licensed counselor in UT. But, earned her degree from the University of Phoenix. She has been licensed since 2002. "The Justice Department announced today that the University of Phoenix has agreed to pay the United States $67.5 million to resolve allegations that its student recruitment policies violated the False Claims Act. This case began as a whistleblower action filed in the Eastern District of California under the False Claims Act, which permits private citizens to bring lawsuits for fraud on behalf of the United States and to

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William Shields	Education Director	Shields is a licensed educator in UT. Source: Utah State Office of Education E-mail Message.
Candace Lopez	Clinical Marketing	**Lopez is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Patricia Martinez	Dir. of Bus. Dev.	HEAL requires Martinez's full name (first, middle, and last) in order to verify whether or not Martinez holds any professional licenses in Utah.
Sean Ponce	Executive Medical Director	Ponce is a licensed medical doctor and has been since 2001 in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Dr. Gerald Lazar	Psychiatrist	Lazar is a licensed medical doctor and has been since 1986 in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Tracey M. Tranter	Nurse	Tranter is a licensed nurse who has been licensed only since May 16th, 2014. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Jeri L. Melton	Nurse	Melton is a licensed nurse who has been licensed only since May 12th, 2014. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Maren Ernstrom	Counselor	Ernstrom is a licensed clinical mental health counselor. However, Ernstrom has only been licensed since February, 2014 and earned her degree from the University of Phoenix. "The Justice Department announced today that the University of Phoenix has agreed to pay the United States $67.5 million to resolve allegations that its student recruitment policies violated the False Claims Act. This case began as a whistleblower action filed in the Eastern District of California under the False Claims Act, which permits private citizens to bring lawsuits for fraud on behalf of the United States and to share in any recovery. Whistleblowers Mary Hendow and Julie Behn, two former University of Phoenix employees, alleged that the university accepted federal student financial aid while in violation of statutory and regulatory provisions prohibiting post-secondary schools from paying admissions counselors certain forms of incentive-based compensation tied to the number of students recruited. Though the United States did not intervene in this action, the Government provided support and assistance to the whistleblowers at many stages of the case, including filing friend-of-the-court briefs when the case was on appeal to the Ninth Circuit. The two whistleblowers will receive $19 million from the settlement." The University of Phoenix does not have the specialized accreditation necessary for degrees in psychology. (Source: http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx) It is accredited for teaching and nursing degrees. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Tami Eller	Counselor	Eller is a licensed counselor in UT, but, has only been a licensed counselor since October, 2013. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
M. Brian Anderson	Social Worker	There is a Mark Brian Anderson (may be a different person) that is a licensed social worker in UT. This person has only been licensed since May 17th, 2012. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Benson March	Counselor	**March is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Amber Moldonado	Counselor	**Moldonado is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Shameka Garner	Clinical Trainer	**Garner is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in Utah. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html How is someone with no professional licenses at all in charge of training clinical service providers?**
Jackie Rodat	Therapist	Rodat is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has been in Utah since 1999. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Kim Reade	Counselor	Kimberly Ann Reade (may be a different person) is a licensed counselor in UT and has been since October, 2007. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Wakely Chee	Social Worker	Chee is a licensed clinical social worker in UT and has been since 2008. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Natasha Eldridge	Recreation Director	Eldridge is a licensed recreational therapist in UT and has been since March, 2013. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Cindy Rogers	Occupational Therapist	HEAL requires Rogers' full name (first, middle, and last) to verify whether or not Rogers holds any professional licenses in UT.
Janice Gordon-White	Counselor	Gordon-White is a licensed counselor in UT and has been since 2004. However, Gordon-White earned her degree from the University of Phoenix. (Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html) "The Justice Department announced today that the University of Phoenix has agreed to pay the United States $67.5 million to resolve allegations that its student recruitment policies violated the False Claims Act. This case began as a whistleblower action filed in the Eastern District of California under the False Claims Act, which permits private citizens to bring lawsuits for fraud on behalf of the United States and to share in any recovery. Whistleblowers Mary Hendow and Julie Behn, two former University of Phoenix employees, alleged that the university accepted federal student financial aid while in violation of statutory and regulatory provisions prohibiting post-secondary schools from paying admissions counselors certain forms of incentive-based compensation tied to the number of students recruited. Though the United States did not intervene in this action, the Government provided support and assistance to the whistleblowers at many stages of the case, including filing friend-of-the-court briefs when the case was on appeal to the Ninth Circuit. The two whistleblowers will receive $19 million from the settlement." The University of Phoenix does not have the specialized accreditation necessary for degrees in psychology. (Source: http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx) It is accredited for teaching and nursing degrees.

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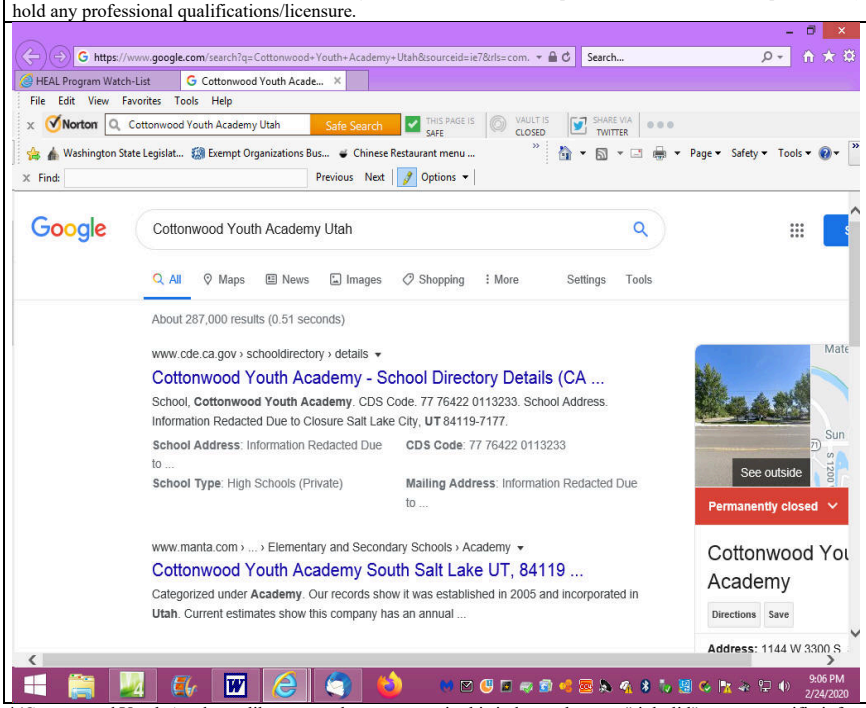
Teens in Custody Following Riot at Care Center:: A place for troubled teens is the focus of an investigation tonight, following a riot that broke out there over the weekend. Six teens are now in police custody and there is a lot of damage to the facility. The officers who were at the Cottonwood Youth Academy first at 11pm Saturday say it was a riot, and the situation was chaotic. South Salt Lake called for help from other police departments. We wanted to know if there was any indication of problems at the facility before this weekend, here's what we found out. For complete story, click here. (source: ksl.com, October 11th, 2005)

HEAL is in the process of reviewing the enrollment materials for Cottonwood Youth Academy. We have already reviewed and have found problems with other UHS enrollment materials including the Boulder Creek Academy Application.

Article: Violations and Problems at UHS, Inc. Owned Facilities

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On November 26th, 2014, HEAL volunteers again contacted the Utah Department of Education in hopes of verifying whether or not the academic staff hold any professional qualifications/licensure.



*(Cottonwood Youth Academy, like many other programs in this industry, keeps a "tight lid" on any specific information regarding their staff, qualifications, and practices. Please contact us with the names of any staff of which you have firsthand knowledge or experience. Thank you for your help.)

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