



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
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REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2011 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

**Humboldt County Office of Education Annex
901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501**

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901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501**~~

X Rose Baker	E Peggy Hobbs
E Erica Balcom-Storre	E Maureen Johannsen
X Steve D'Agati	X Antoinette Martin
X Bill Daniel	E Josh Meisel
X Nestor Domingo	U Dao Vang
E Dave Douglas	
X Aubrey Faust	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Peter LaVallee, Shelley Nilsen, Steve Cheney, Jimmy Smith, Judge Feeney

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Daniel at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members and guests joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2.0 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no requests for adjustments to the agenda

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2011 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Domingo and seconded by Commissioner D'Agati to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Chair Daniel reported that he has made some revisions to the JJDC web site including improvements to accessibility of the site and updates to outdated links. He is currently adding links to the web sites of other Juvenile Justice commissions throughout the state. He asked meeting attendees to contact him with suggestions for additional links. The web site address is humboldt-jjdc.org.

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he attended the fund raising brunch for Teen Court on April 3. He noted that Judges Hinrichs and Wilson attended and spoke highly of Teen Court. Also Commissioner Johannsen received honorable mention for helping start the Teen Court program.

6.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

6.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Shelley Nilsen reported that the California Connected by 25 grant will be ending in the next few months and the department is looking at ways for sustaining the activities that were funded by that grant. Some of these will be handled by the new Transitional Aged Youth division which will begin operation in July. Shelley also reported that an institutional analysis process will take place in May as part of the plan for the California Partners for Permanency grant. The plan is due to the state in July. In terms of mental health services, Shelley reported that there was a focus group meeting in Fortuna to discuss the establishment of a Mental Health presence in Fortuna. Participants included people from a number of community organizations including Head Start, school providers, the Latino community, faith-based organizations, and others. This is part of an effort to decentralize mental health services and make them more accessible to outlying areas. Finally, Shelley announced that Mental Health will be conducting a training session the week of April 26 for law enforcement personnel on mental health crisis intervention.

6.2 YSB/RCAA

Peter LaVallee reported that he will retire as director of YSB effective April 29. A replacement has not yet been identified but this will probably happen in late May. YSB's federal funding has been renewed at last year's levels and it will receive continued funding from the California Wellness Foundation. Peter also reported that both of the bills being advocated for by the California Coalition for Youth are now on their way to the Senate Appropriations Committee. One of these calls for the development of a master plan to address issues related to run-away and homeless 'non-system' youth. The other bill creates a separate category for licensure of youth shelters such as those operated by YSB.

6.3 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Kim Cobine reported that seven of the ten students in the third through sixth grade community school classroom in Fortuna have chosen to return to their regular school classes. For this reason, this program will be closed. Kim also reported that the community schools Truancy Outreach Coordinator has been selected to replace Simona Keating as the coordinator for the GRIP program at Eureka High.

7.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Smith recognized Kim Cobine and Peter LaVallee, both of whom are retiring soon, for their outstanding service to and advocacy for the youth in Humboldt County.

7.0 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Feeney reported that recent legislation has shifted responsibility for the supervision of parolees' to the court and that this process is expected to be implemented gradually over the next 1-2 years. He also reported that this is the seventh month in which two judges are handling the Family and Juvenile Court case load and that this is going well.

8.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that Probation has submitted its budget to the state. The budget calls for the elimination of five staff positions that have remained vacant for some time. Bill also reported that Probation staff will meet with attorneys from the Prison Law Office on April 14 to discuss specific concerns arising from PLO's recent visit to Juvenile Hall and the Regional Facility. Finally, Bill reported that Probation is winding up the first phase of the DMC grant in consultation with the Burns Institute.

9.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9.1 ADMINISTRATION

Acting Chair Daniel reported that there will not be a room available at HCOE for the May 11 JJDPC meeting. After discussion of possible alternative locations, commissioners decided to hold the meeting at Conference Room A in the Court House.

9.2 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he visited Juvenile Hall on April 13 and found the facility to be clean, quiet, and orderly. He noted that he was there during parent visitation hours and that in one case, a youth was visited by his/her CASA worker.

9.3 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Commissioner Baker reported that the issue of parent/police relations continues to be problematic and that solutions do not seem to be apparent. During the discussion that followed, it was decided that the commission should engage in a planning discussion to determine what kind of role it should play in addressing this issue. This has been scheduled for the June 8 JJDPC meeting.

10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 UPCOMING COMMISSIONS AGENDA ITEMS

A decision was made to include an agenda item for the May JJDPC meeting regarding an effort to raise public awareness about the purpose and function of the commission.

10.2 NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONS OFFICER CANDIDATES

Commissioners Domingo and Martin, along with Acting Chair Daniel, volunteered to serve on a committee to nominate a slate of candidates for the commissions officer positions for the upcoming bi-annual term. These nominations will be announced at the May JJDPC meeting and elections will take place in June.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. An executive session immediately followed the general meeting.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

In executive session Commissioner Domingo reported that Commissioner Vang had such a busy schedule that he was unable to participate effectively in Commission affairs and had indicated his desire to resign from the Commission. The commission agreed to reluctantly respect Commissioner Vang's wishes and authorized Acting Chair Daniel to write a Thank You letter to him.