



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2009 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.**  
**United Indian Health Services**  
**1600 Weott Way, Arcata, CA 95521**

<b>E Rose Baker</b>	<b>X Peggy Hobbs</b>
<b>X Erica Balcom-Storre</b>	<b>X Maureen Johannsen</b>
<b>X Steve D'Agati</b>	<b>X Antoinette Martin</b>
<b>X Bill Daniel</b>	<b>E Josh Meisel</b>
<b>X Nestor Domingo</b>	
<b>X Dave Douglas</b>	
<b>E Morgan Douglas</b>	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Jared Martin, Doug Rasines, Anne Lesser, Cindy Sutcliffe, Dao Vang, Kim Cobine, Jimmy Smith

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Douglas at 7:00 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  
None.
- 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE  
There were no correspondences presented.
- 4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13 AND JUNE 10, 2009 MEETINGS  
It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Johannsen to approve both sets of minutes as written. Motion carried.
- 5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT  
There were no announcements or public comments.

## 6.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

### 6.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Cindy Sutcliffe reported that CWS and Probation have completed the report of their self-assessment and have submitted it to the state of California in draft form. Cindy also said that although CWS will experience budget cuts, the CalWORKS program will continue to function at its current level because of federal stimulus moneys.

### 6.2 YSB/RCAA

Jared Martin reported that RCAA has applied for a federal stimulus grant to fund various activities around homelessness prevention and the rehousing of people who have already become homeless. RCAA will head this project but other agencies such as Arcata House, Crossroads, and others will also be involved. YSB's role will be to hire a caseworker to go into the schools to work with YSB clients.

### 6.3 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Kim Cobine reported that HCOE and the other agencies who serve youth in foster care have developed a system for open interagency communication so that the schools will know if students are in the foster care system and what special services they might need. It is hoped that this will improve delivery of services within the schools and therefore ease these students' school experience so they can achieve better educational outcomes. Kim also mentioned that they will be starting a program in which those community school students who wish to do an independent study program also receive blocks of classroom instruction in specific subjects depending on what they still need to graduate. Much of this instruction will take place at the new site on 6<sup>th</sup> and Myrtle Ave.

### 6.4 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

Anne Lesser reported that Mental Health is likely to lose its Prop. 36 funding and its managed care funds. However, they are receiving federal stimulus funds so will be able to keep most of their programs operating in some form for the time being. Anne also gave an update on the department's work in identifying and addressing the specific needs of transitional aged youth.

### 6.5 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin reported that a retreat has been planned for the end of August which will involve all RF staff. The purpose of the retreat is to work on increasing the effectiveness of communication among staff in order to improve services provided to the youth. Commissioner Martin also requested authorization from the commission to give a small gift to the youth who are doing well in the RF program but are released before they can officially complete it. She indicated that this is an infrequent occurrence. It was moved by Commissioner Daniel and seconded by Commissioner Johannsen to authorize Commissioner Martin to give the gifts under these circumstances. Motion carried.

## 7.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Smith reported that a group of Eureka business owners have partnered with the methamphetamine awareness campaign. They are in the process of planning a 'Wing Fest' benefit to support the campaign. This event is scheduled for September 12 and more details about it will be forthcoming.

## 8.0 PROBATION

Doug Rasines reported that Probation will provide some funding to the Arcata Diversion program so that it can expand to serve outlying areas such as McKinleyville and Trinidad and to handle referrals from agencies such as the Sheriff's Department. This will help reduce the number of very low risk youth referred to Probation. Doug also mentioned that planning is under way to begin making certain facility improvements to the JH and RF since they were denied funding for building a completely new facility. Finally, Doug recognized Dao Vang who has been nominated for the Division of Juvenile Just Ward of the Year award to be announced on September 17. Dao was previously involved in the Probation system but over the past two years, has worked with the Boys and Girls Club and the Explorer Scouts. The award recognizes youthful offenders who have turned their lives around and made significant contributions to their communities. All members and guests congratulated Dao on his accomplishments.

## 9.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

### 9.1 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati expressed support for Probation's efforts to make the physical improvements to the Juvenile Hall and Regional Facilities. He indicated that the commission is willing to help in any way possible.

### 9.2 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Commissioner Hobbs reported that she has begun assisting Commissioner Baker with planning an upcoming forum for parents and law enforcement personnel to discuss concerns about law enforcement's response to calls from parents who need help with 'out of control' children. Due to the size of the crowd expected to attend, it is unlikely that it will take place during a regular commissions meeting. Commissioners Hobbs and Baker have been collecting written scenarios from parents to share with the law enforcement personnel during the forum. Some of these were given to Chair Douglas for review. Although an exact time and location has not yet been determined, they are trying to have this forum some time in October. Chair Douglas, Commissioner Hobbs, and Commissioner Balcom-Storre stayed after the regular meeting to discuss this project further.

## 10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Doug Rasines explained that Probation is applying for a grant which will allow them to identify systemic issues that are contributing to the overrepresentation of minority youth within the Juvenile Justice system and to implement activities to reduce said minority overrepresentation. Doug requested a letter of support from the commission to accompany the grant proposal. It was moved by Commissioner Domingo and seconded by Commissioner Daniel to authorize the Chair to write such a letter. Motion carried.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.