



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2009 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

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

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| E Rose Baker | E Peggy Hobbs |
| E Erica Balcom-Storre | X Maureen Johannsen |
| X Steve D'Agati | X Antoinette Martin |
| X Bill Daniel | X Josh Meisel |
| X Nestor Domingo | X Dao Vang |
| E Dave Douglas | |
| X Aubrey Faust | |
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OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Kathy Young, Bill Nichols, Mark Lovelace, Kim Cobine

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner 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

No adjustments were requested.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2009 MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Domingo and seconded by Commissioner Meisel? 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

Kathy Young, Kim Cobine, Peter LaVallee, and Bill Nichols gave brief reports on DHHS, HCOE, YSB, and CFS/Mental Health respectively. However, due to the earthquake that occurred on January 9, 2010, the original computer file containing these minutes was damaged along with the file containing the recording of this meeting. Therefore, specific details on the Community Relations reports are not available at this time.

7.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Lovelace attended the meeting on behalf of Supervisor Smith. Although no formal report was given, some discussion took place on topics such as the state of Humboldt County's general budget and the implications for the county of possible changes in state and federal marijuana laws.

8.0 PROBATION

There was no one available from Probation to present at the meeting. However, Doug Rasines sent his report to the commissioners via email. Please see Addendum I.

9.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Kim Cobine indicated that HCOE's TAPESTRY program is applying for a grant renewal and requested that the commissions' Chair sign onto a letter stating that the JJDPC is a collaborating partner with the program. Kim circulated a prewritten letter stating as such and requested that upon Chair Douglas' return, he sign it. It was moved by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to authorize the Chair to provide his signature for the letter of collaboration. Motion carried. Chair Douglas will be notified of this as soon as possible and will receive a copy for his signature.

10.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

10.1 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he recently paid a visit to the Juvenile Hall and found the facility to be clean, quiet, and orderly. He did note one concern about the temperature of the facility, particularly in the detention rooms. It was extremely cold in the rooms and this was particularly apparent because the visit took place during an unusually cold snap. Commissioner D'Agati noted that such cold temperatures would be problematic for youth who must spend long periods of time in their rooms. Although a formal motion was not made to do this, commissioners agreed that Doug Rasines should be contacted and made aware of commissioners' concerns about this problem.

Commissioner D'Agati made contact with Doug the day after the meeting and Doug

promptly emailed a response to the concerns which included actions that were already being taken. See Addendum II for the text of Doug's email.

10.2 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Commissioner Domingo reported that he had a chance to view a copy of the Humboldt Kids Digest published by 101 Publications in Eureka. This is a directory of resources throughout Humboldt county which have to do with parenting, youth activities, education, mental health services among other resources. He suggested that the commission consider attaching its LOGO to the booklet during its next printing as a way to help promote both the commissions and the booklet. The use of the commission LOGO would serve as an endorsement of the Humboldt Kids Digest by the commission. Since several commissioners were absent and it was nearing the end of the meeting, it was decided that discussion of this matter would be tabled until the January, 2010 meeting.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

ADDENDUM I
DOUG RASINES' REPORT SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear justice Commissioners,

As LECAH president I am obliged to preside over the holiday party scheduled for tonight. Bill Damiano was planning on attending the JJDPC meeting in my absence, but he is ill today and will not be able to make it. Both Jody Green and Tim Toste are in training out of town so unfortunately there will be no probation representative at tonight's meeting. In our absence I am providing this brief written report which you may discuss as you feel appropriate.

Probation Report:

F On November 19th

we were notified that we have been awarded a state Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Technical Assistance Grant. This 3-year grant will support the department in its efforts to address the overrepresentation of minority youth, specifically American Indian youth, in our juvenile justice system. The grant is for 125K per year for 3 years. These funds are designated to better equip agencies with the tools and resources for developing and strengthening data collection capacity as well as developing and implementing community based DMC reduction activities including training and education, and the expansion of prevention an/or diversion programs for at-risk youth.

Retired probation division director,

Ken Blackshear

, will work part time as the project director, and the department will be contracting with an "expert consultant" in the area of DMC to assist with project implementation.

The grant period begins January 1, 2010.

F The Department has entered into a partnership with the Arcata Diversion Project by

supporting the part-time services of Jillian Wadsworth in providing diversion services to first time /low level offenders in the McKinleyville,

Blue Lake and Trinidad

areas. This will allow probation to do some restructuring of our own prevention activities within the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Program (JJCPA) program, thereby focusing resources on higher need youth in the system.

F The Department has been working with representatives from HSU, Hoopa Human services, County social services and mental health branches in designing a full day conference scheduled for January 8, 2010. The conference is designed

to build and improve relationships between county social services agencies, county probation departments, tribal social services and Humboldt State University Department of Social Work. We know that many of our families receive services from several agencies and in order to help them more effectively, we need to work together. Using a format based on a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA), participants in the Weaving Good Relations conference will:

- Learn about successful strategies that counties and tribes have used to foster collaboration
- Identify several of the outstanding partnerships local tribes and county agencies have forged
- Have an opportunity to share your ideas for collaboration in a discussion that will

result in an action plan

- Develop an understanding of the possibilities and identify how the university can be supportive of these partnership efforts.

We have all been saying for years that we need to work together, that our families deserve the highest quality of care. This will be a strength-based conference with the goal of building a foundation for change and collaboration. With that goal in mind, we are inviting select administrators in Child Welfare, Mental Health, Probation and Tribal Social Services in Humboldt and Del Norte counties who have the authority to commit to a collaborative path and who are working with the “big picture”. We also want to invite those county and tribal staff who provide direct services to remind us of the little things we can do that make a huge difference to families.

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On November 17, 2009 the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) released Request For Applications to county probation departments for funding under the Evidence-Based probation Supervision program (EBPs). This funding is part of the federal American Recovery and Restoration Act (ARRA) funding appropriated through the federal Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. These funds are intended as seed monies for state Senate Bill (SB) 678 to enhance adult probation services through the incorporation of evidence-based practices and supervision strategies for adult offenders ages 18-25. Humboldt County Probation is scheduled to receive a \$215,055 grant allocation. There is no local match required for the JAG funding. The JAG funding has a 36-month grant period, which began October 1, 2009 extending through September 30, 2012. The funding is intended to assist Probation in its efforts to reduce adult offender probation revocation rates, which in turn, impacts the number of offenders committed to state prison.

Doug

ADDENDUM II

Doug Rasines' response to the concerns raised about the unusually cold temperatures at Juvenile Hall

Correspondence dated 12/10/2009

As you may/may not be aware as a result of freezing temperatures experienced over the past several days, the ongoing interior climate of the Juvenile hall became very cold, creating discomfort for residents and staff alike..

County Building

Maintenance has routinely been to the juvenile hall throughout this period to ensure that the boiler fed heating and air exchange system has been operating as designed. Several steps have been taken to address the problem:

1. Adjustments have been made in the exhaust air transport system in an attempt to keep as much warmed air in the building as possible.
2. Building Maintenance will be cleaning the system's water radiator heating coils which may help improve the heat exchange transfer efficiency.
3. Building maintenance will be cleaning the detainee room air intake cover screens in order to ensure the maximum the volume of available warm air is being provided to the rooms.
4. Building Maintenance will also seeking the services of a systems engineer to help determine short and long-term solutions to increase the capacity and efficiency of the air exchange system.
5. In the interim we have issued detainees with additional layers of clothing, provided additional blankets and mattresses where needed, and distributed wool socks, beanies, and thermal underwear.

I was in the facility at 4:30 pm today and was glad to see that measures taken thus far have improved the environmental conditions significantly.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Doug