



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY  
PREVENTION COMMISSION  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2011 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**  
**Humboldt County Office of Education Annex**  
**901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501**

<b>X Rose Baker</b>	<b>X Peggy Hobbs</b>
<b>X Erica Balcom-Storre</b>	<b>E 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 Steve Schaening</b>
<b>E Dave Douglas</b>	<b>X Nathan Smith</b>

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Jennifer Fairbanks, Launa Olson, Maura Eastman, Cheryl Ingham, Bill Damiano, Sacha Marini, Peter LaVallee, Jimmy Smith

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

The Agenda was adjusted to give Supervisor Smith the opportunity to give his report first since he needed to leave early. His report is as follows:

### 3.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

During the December 13 Board of Supervisors meeting, the board adopted a tighter management policy for medical marijuana which will apply to the entire county. Among other things, the new policy limits the amount of space for the cultivation of medical marijuana to 50 square feet per parcel of land. A moratorium on new marijuana dispensaries was also put into place. Supervisor Smith has asked his staff to draw up a document summarizing the policies and procedures adopted by the board. This will be made available to commissioners in the near future and will also be posted on the Board of Supervisors web site.

### 4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

### 5.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner D'Agati? To approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

### 6.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter LaVallee reported on the legislation he has been advocating for which would create a distinct licensing category for shelters that serve youth who are run-aways or homeless but are not in the CWS or Probation systems. The bill passed both chambers by a wide margin but was threatened with a Vito because of associated costs. However, the California DHHS took up the issue and such a licensing scheme will be implemented using the regulatory process rather than the legislative one.

### 7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

#### 7.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Launa Olson updated the commission on changes that have taken place in DHHS staffing as well as the progress on the various planning and system realignment's that are taking place. Launa also reported on the Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy that has been made available to select youth at the Regional Facility several months ago. She reported that most of the youth who have gone through this form of therapy have completed it successfully and have had good outcomes overall. Jennifer Fairbanks noted that she has noticed that the youth who have completed this therapy while in the Regional Facility have adjusted quite well once they return to the community schools.

#### 7.2 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Fairbanks reported that HCOE has received the results of an HSU study on truancy. One of the main recommendations of the study was to form a collaborative network of multiple agencies including HCOE, the school districts, Probation, the District Attorney's office, and others to examine models that other counties have used to help reduce truancy. One such model involves providing funding for a part time District Attorney who handles nothing but truancy cases. Jennifer distributed several copies of the recommendations. Anyone wishing a copy or who wants to get involved in the proposed collaborative should contact her at 445-7081 or email her at [jfairbanks@humboldt.k12.ca.us](mailto:jfairbanks@humboldt.k12.ca.us).

### 8.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that due to state budget shortfalls, it is highly likely that the first of several 'trigger pulls' will take place soon. In this case, it will mean the closure of all

Department of Juvenile Justice facilities and the transfer of inmates to local facilities. Although this will not severely impact Humboldt County, there is concern that such a move would bankrupt other probation departments. Bill circulated a handout showing the entire calendar year of data from Juvenile Probation including JH and RF admissions, referrals to Probation, foster care placements, and other data. Contact Bill for additional copies or more detailed information. A fair amount of discussion then took place regarding the new AB 109 legislation with respect to adult probation services and the handling of former juvenile offenders who are now in the adult system.

## 9.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

### 9.1 ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Daniel reminded everyone that the commission is lacking three members and that a recruiting effort needs to take place. Of the three commissioners needed, at least one must be a youth preferably a high school sophomore or junior. Sacha Marini offered to pass this along to her contacts at Teen Court and see if there are any takers. Commissioner Daniel also reported that he spoke with Commissioner Meisel who suggested a program for the January, 2012 JJDPC meeting. Aaron Hungerford, an HSU student, has done a lot of work mentoring homeless youth and his thesis project discusses this work as well as the impact of homelessness on youth in Humboldt County. Commissioner Meisel feels that it would be of interest to the commission if Aaron gave a presentation of his work at the next meeting. Commissioners appeared to be agreeable to this.

### 9.2 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he along with Commissioner Smith performed the annual inspection of the Juvenile Hall and Regional Facility. They found the facilities to be clean, quiet, and orderly and the youth were well cared for. There were no particular concerns or problems noted. Commissioner Domingo joined them later the same day as they inspected the holding facility at the Eureka Police Department. EPD only detained one juvenile during the entire year. No other police department or sheriff's substation has detained any juveniles this year.

### 9.3 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Commissioner Baker reported on Youth Ability's Vance Café. Although it is still a fairly new venture, it seems to be doing well and the youth who work there report that they are enjoying it and learning a lot. They will be hosting a mixer for the Chamber of Commerce on December 15.

## 10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Domingo announced that former Juvenile Court Judge Reinholtzen's parents died recently and a memorial service will take place on December 16. A motion was made by Commissioner Domingo and seconded by Commissioner D'Agati to authorize Commissioner Domingo to send Judge Reinholtzen a sympathy card on behalf of the commission. Motion carried.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 P.M.