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REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2007 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.
United Indian Health Services
1600 Weott Way, Arcata, CA 95521

E Jason Akana	X Peggy Hobbs
X Rose Baker	X Maureen Johannsen
X Bill Daniel	U Samantha Love
E Dave Douglas	X Antoinette Martin
X Morgan Douglas	E Josh Meisel
E Vincent Feliz	U Nick Rasines
X Nadine Fleek	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Doug Rasines, Judge Miles, Bill Nichols, Cindy Sutcliffe

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel at 7:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was not a flag in the room.

1.2 INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2.0 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Martin requested that time be allowed to discuss the gift certificates given to youth who complete the Regional Facility program.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Daniel announced that he received an email from Kim Cobine expressing interest in the commissions addressing the issue of poor school attendance. Matt Daniel will forward the message to commissioners.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2007 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Johannsen and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Daniel announced the upcoming programs for the next several meetings. In March Stacy Reyes from Probation will present on the Probation department's implementation of the Family to Family model. In April, Craig Hill from Mental Health will present on the activities of the Speed Prevention and Awareness Network as well as the general impact of methamphetamine in Humboldt County. In May, one of Commissioner Meisel's students will present findings from an evaluation of the Parent Project which is part of the Arcata Police Department's Diversion program.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Morgan Douglas indicated that Commissioner Dave Douglas is in the process of gathering the statistics requested by the commissions from the local police departments. He will attend the March JJDPC meeting and present his data at that time.

6.2 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

6.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Cindy Sutcliffe reported that Probation has engaged in a Team Decision Making meeting for the first time and the process went well. Cindy also mentioned that they have hired a consultant who will travel up here at the end of the month and help them with the implementation of a program which attempts to identify family members of children who have been placed in the foster care system.

6.22 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

Bill Nichols reported on recent developments regarding Probation's MIOCOR grant. Part of the funds will be used to train two Mental Health clinicians in Functional Family Therapy which will be one of the components of the new Mental Health court, formerly the juvenile drug court. Another use for the funds is the implementation of Aggression Replacement Training in the community schools. One of the clinicians who currently handles the ART program at the Regional Facility will soon be fully trained to go to the schools and train their staff.

6.3 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner Fleek prepared a list of places she believes should be visited by the commissions for inspection. In addition to Juvenile Hall and the Regional Facility, she added several facilities which are not normally inspected. These include Sempervirens, the Home of Refuge, the CWS shelter, and the Launch pad facility. She suggested that for the JH and RF inspections, the walkthrough be done before sitting down at a meeting with the staff so that all concerns and questions can be brought up all at once.

6.4 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Miles noted that she has been involved in several meetings with court and Probation staff to work out the details of starting the mental health court. These meetings have also concerned the implementation of the Team Decision process at Probation.

6.5 PROBATION

Doug Rasines reported that Probation has recently completed a policy and procedure review of the officer safety policies following the recent police shootings in Eureka. Some updates and revisions have been made and these changes will be included in the next officer training session in April.

7.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 WRITING PRESS RELEASES

Based on the discussion that took place during the special planning meeting, commissioners decided to submit a press release following each regular meeting which would describe what actions were taken and summarize any programs that took place. The purpose of doing this is to help raise interest among members of the public about the commissions' activities. Chair Daniel has agreed to write and submit these press releases. The first one will be written immediately following the March meeting and will be sent to commissioners for review before it is submitted.

7.2 AWARDS FOR YOUTH WHO COMPLETE THE REGIONAL FACILITY PROGRAM

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Hobbs to apply the moneys normally used to purchase gift certificates for graduates of the Regional Program to help pay for these graduate's restitution commitments. The motion did not carry. For the time being, the commissions will continue giving the gift certificates.

7.3 COMMISSIONS ACTION PLANNING

Commissioners decided that the top priority for this year is to address the issue of methamphetamine use among youth in Humboldt County. To do this, the commissions will first identify and review current statistics on the prevalence of math use and associated criminal activity among youth. Secondly, consultation will take place with other groups such as SPAN to determine what kinds of efforts are under way to address this problem and where and how the commissions could be of assistance. Finally, the commissions will attempt to work with other appropriate agencies to launch a public awareness campaign on this issue.

A secondary priority for the commissions is to address concerns expressed by parents about dealing with out of control youth, particularly with respect to interactions with law enforcement agencies. The first step is to meet with officials from the Police Academy at CR to determine the extent to which this issue is addressed during police training. Following this, the plan is to invite someone from NAMI to speak at a future commissions meeting on a training they offer to parents of children with mental illness. Finally, commissioners plan to organize a Town Hall meeting wherein members of the public can express concerns and discuss possible solutions.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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