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REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2011 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

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

~~**Humboldt County Office of Education Board room
901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501**~~

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Peter LaVallee, Kim Cobine, Shelley Nilsen, Jeff Craven, Winona Aubrey, Bill Damiano, Jimmy Smith, Judge Wilson, Judge Feeney, Judge Hinrichs

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

There were no requests for adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2010 MEETING

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

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 Commissioner Martin announced that the Community Health Alliance has received a two-year renewal of a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for its program which trains patients with chronic diseases on improved self-management techniques. She passed around brochures describing this program

5.2 Commissioner Meisel introduced Jeff Craven to the group. Jeff is a graduate student at HSU who is working on a project dealing with programs that work with at risk youth in Humboldt County and would like to interview someone who works in this field. Commissioner Meisel also noted that another student is interested in interviewing someone working in any program that works with youth in the performing arts or creative writing. Some suggestions offered by the group included Spare Change, Blue Ox, and Del Arte. A third student is interested in learning about specific services for physically disabled youth involved in the Probation system or Community Schools.

5.3 Commissioner D'Agati circulated copies of the most current issue of '101 Things To Do In Humboldt County.'

6.0 PROGRAM

Kim Cobine discussed the current status of the Gang Risk Intervention Program, (GRIP.) This program, formerly run by Simona Keating of HCOE was designed to engage high school-aged youth from Eureka and Fortuna in activities to help them avoid becoming involved in gang activities. Simona recently left HCOE and Fortuna High has pulled out of the program leaving Eureka City Schools and Eureka High as the remaining program participants. Although there are still 18 months remaining on the program grant, HCOE decided they were unable to justify hiring someone to replace Simona so they have asked ECS to take it up on their own. ECS has drafted a job description for a Program Coordinator position whose duties are identical to Simona's. The position description will be presented to the board for approval later in February. ECS is concerned that they will be unable to find a suitable replacement for Simona and the counselors at Eureka High are concerned that the program does not provide for drug and alcohol counseling services. However, ECS has agreed to continue the program and it is hoped that a coordinator will be found by Spring break.

7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

7.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Shelley Nilsen reported that the department is examining the most recent budget developments, particularly a change which gives the county more discretion on how to use funds. They are still waiting to learn more about the details of this change and

exactly what it will mean. Shelley also mentioned that they will be approaching their program leadership team with three evidence-based models that they want to implement. These include a home visitation and parent training program for families at risk of becoming involved in the Child Welfare system, a new approach for training staff at the Children's Center, and an AOD assessment and outpatient treatment approach for use with youth in the Child Welfare, Mental Health, and Probation systems.

7.2 YSBB/RCAA

Peter LaVallee reported that YSB expects budget cuts to force them to significantly reduce emergency shelter and transitional aged youth housing services. They are also concerned about possible cuts in Medi-Cal funding which they use to fund many of their programs and services. Peter also reported that there are two pieces of state legislation in the works. One of these will loosen regulations on out-of-home placement of youth not in the formal foster care system. The other attempts to increase funding for programs that work with run-away youth. Peter will update the commission on these bills as needed. Finally, Peter announced that he will be retiring as director of YSB at the end of April. A search for a replacement is currently under way.

7.3 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Kim Cobine announced that Commissioner Faust is one of 19 high school seniors nominated for the Stellar Student award from the Rise to the Stars Foundation. The winner will be announced at a dinner on March 2. Kim also reported that during the most recent School Law Enforcement Network meeting, Friday Night Live gave an excellent presentation on the dangers of alcoholic energy drinks. Although she has not seen it, Kim also said that they have given a presentation on social networking. It was suggested that Friday Night Live be invited to an upcoming commissions meeting to give one or both of these presentations.

7.4 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin reported that she is seeing the staff at the RF becoming an increasingly strong and effective interdisciplinary team. She noted that the youth who enter the program have been coming in with more and more complex needs lately and she praised the staff for maintaining a sense of consistency while at the same time being able to work with youth with extremely severe and complex individual needs.

8.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Smith reported that Businesses Against Methamphetamine USE, (BAMU), will be presenting at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 15. He also reported that the board, in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, has resumed working on development of a county-wide set of ordinances on medical marijuana. Of particular concern is the reduction of the dangers associated with clandestine grow operations inside houses located in highly populated residential areas.

9.0 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Wilson introduced Judges Feeney and Hinrichs to the group. They will be taking over as Family and Juvenile Court judges for the next two years. After that, Judge

Wilson will return for two years and one of the others, most likely Judge Feeney, will rotate out. The net result is that there will always be two Superior Court judges for Family and Juvenile Court instead of just one. Judge Wilson will continue to preside over Teen Court.

10.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano briefly commented on a number of items regarding the Probation department. These included the current budget situation, an expected decrease in staffing both in the Juvenile and Adult sections, and current statistics on JH population and Juvenile Probation. Probation has been awarded a grant for construction of a new Juvenile Hall. They will be presenting their proposal to the Board of Supervisors some time in March for final approval. Bill finally reported that Probation is exploring ways to assist other law enforcement agencies in implementing youth diversion programs similar to the one at the Arcata Police Department.

11.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

11.1 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he visited Juvenile Hall early in January and on February 9 and found all well. There have not been any serious incident reports and there were only three minor grievances' filed within the last six months. Cheryl Baer, Von Humboldt Court School teacher, recently received the Wells Fargo Legacy Award. In addition to the award, she received a check for \$500 to spend on her classroom. Commissioner D'Agati also acknowledged the recent death of Bill Thompson, a former counselor at Juvenile Hall. Among other things, Mr. Thompson helped start Wrap-Around services. Finally, Commissioner D'Agati reported that HCOE is implementing a program called 'Decade of Difference.' The purpose of this program is to work with children from Kindergarten through eighth grade to help make them viable to the economy and to insure that 95% of high school freshmen graduate and 90% pursue post secondary education.

12.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Meisel and seconded by Commissioner ? to require that meeting minutes/agendas be distributed to commissioners at least one week prior to each JJDPC meeting. Motion carried. From now on, these materials will be distributed no later than the first Wednesday of each month.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.