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REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 9, 2008 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.
United Indian Health Services
1600 Weott Way, Arcata, CA 95521

E Rose Baker	E Nadine Fleek
X Steve D'Agati	E Peggy Hobbs
E Bill Daniel	X Maureen Johannsen
E Nestor Domingo	X Antoinette Martin
X Dave Douglas	X Barbara Redner
E Morgan Douglas	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Bill Nichols, Jimmy Smith, Gillian Wodsworth, Sylvia Douglas, Josh Meisel, Peter LaVallee, Beverly Morgan-Lewis

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

There was not a flag in the room.

1.2 INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2.0 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING

Since there were no requests for corrections, Chair Douglas declared the minutes approved as written.

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Meisel announced that he is returning to HSU on a permanent basis and will rejoin the commission in September. He also mentioned that he will be developing a proposal for the creation of a criminology major within the Sociology department at HSU.

6.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

6.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Beverly Morgan-Lewis gave a brief update on the development of the new Children and Families division at DHHS. At this point, they are focusing on permanency planning for those youth who have been in the foster care system the longest and are not likely to be returned to their families.

6.2 RCAA/YSB

Peter LaVallee reported that YSB now has 15 beds between their different facilities, all of which have been full for the past year. He noted that the majority of the youth in the shelters during the past year have been reunited with their families. Also, he mentioned that they are having success with youth in the transitional living program in terms of education. However, he did say that employment continues to be a difficulty.

6.3 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

Bill Nichols reported on the integration of CFS into the new Children and Families division. He said that the case managers who were recently hired are now on board. Bill also noted that a few of the most recent graduates from the Regional Facility program have gotten jobs at the bulb farm and this seems to be going well for them.

6.4 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin requested assistance with shopping for the gifts that are given to youth graduating from the RF program. She said that she will continue to write the letters but physically getting around the mall is becoming too Difficult.

7.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jimmy Smith reported that he is likely to get a sizable grant from the Rotary club for the methamphetamine awareness program that he and SPAN are engaged in. He also noted that they may soon have professional actors help them produce radio and TV ads.

8.0 PROGRAM

Gillian Wodsworth presented on the Arcata Police Department's Juvenile Diversion program. This program is designed to steer youth charged for the first time with relatively minor offenses away from the Juvenile Justice system altogether. The Juvenile Diversion Officer, the Youth and his/her parents work together to develop a contract which specifies activities the youth must perform in order to avoid having the case referred to the Juvenile Justice system. Some of these include community service, participating in individual and/or family counseling, testing negative for drugs and alcohol a certain number of times in a row, and performing well in school. To assist with this, the program is able to refer families to other agencies such as YSB, Mental Health, various employment services, and specialized counseling for such issues as anger management and substance abuse. Those who successfully complete the contract will avoid the

creation of a criminal record. Those who fail to fulfill the requirements of the contract in the specified amount of time or who reoffend during their time in the program automatically are referred to more formal proceedings. As with the programs from previous meetings, Gillian's presentation will be recorded onto an audio CD, copies of which can be requested from Matt Daniel

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

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