



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
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REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2010 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

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

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901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501**~~

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Bill Damiano, Cindy Sutcliffe, Jackie Brennan, Peter LaVallee

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Douglas 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 APRIL 14, 2010 MEETING

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

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Martin reported that she participated in a program through the Community Health Alliance called Just Culture. This program shows participants how to analyze negative events that occur within an organization, determine why they occurred, and identify corrective actions to be taken rather than simply blaming individuals for the problem. In this case, hospitals were the institution concerned but the program could be used for any organization.

6.0 PROGRAM

Jackie Brennan presented her recent research on homeless youth in Humboldt County. The purpose of the study was to identify unique characteristics of this population and assess any unmet needs. Youth partaking of services offered by YSB's Raven Project were surveyed. One of the findings was that some of the youth identified themselves more as travelers rather than homeless. Some of them indicated that to say that they were traveling seemed less stigmatizing than to say that they were homeless. The youth who were out on the street tended to avail themselves of the Raven Project's basic services such as showers, clothing, and basic supplies. The youth who were 'couch surfing', I.E. staying briefly with friends, were more interested in education services, employment assistance, and medical services. The ones who identified themselves as travelers were also interested in civic empowerment activities such as voter registration. Transportation was the most common need that all of the youth felt was not being met adequately. Jackie passed out a number of handouts during the presentation and she can be contacted through Commissioner Meisel if anyone wishes additional information.

7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

7.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Cindy Sutcliffe reported that the second phase of the consolidation of CWS, CYFS, and Public Health into the new Children and Family Services branch will begin in early July. The first step in this phase is to transfer a case manager from CWS to the new branch.

7.2 YSB/RCAA

Peter LaVallee requested a letter of support for the upcoming application for the Street Outreach grant which also supports the Raven Project. Peter also reported that they will probably get a deferred loan to purchase a six-unit apartment building to provide additional housing for the transitional aged youth between the ages of 18-24. Finally, Peter reported that they are seeking bids from contractors to make significant repairs to the Launch pad facility.

7.3 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

Cindy Sutcliffe reported that all of the Mental Health clinicians are being trained in a trauma-based cognitive behavioral therapy technique which has been shown to work well with teenagers. They expect to start using this approach at CFS as well as at the Regional Facility.

7.4 Commissioner Martin announced that a subcommittee has been formed which will seek ways to provide more residential substance abuse treatment options for youth outside of the Regional Facility. Peter LaVallee and Bill Damiano are among the members. Commissioner Martin will update the commissions on these activities periodically.

8.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano announced that Ray Watson has been promoted to replace Mardi Bessellieu as the facility manager of Juvenile Hall. Bill also mentioned that the Burns Institute has started working with Probation on activities concerning the Disproportional Minority Contact, (DMC), grant. The first of these include a web-based survey given to Probation staff to determine their knowledge and awareness of DMC issues. Trainings will then be developed to educate staff on DMC-related issues based on the survey results.

9.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9.1 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he attended the April 27 meeting of the Board of Supervisors wherein Commissioner Baker received one of the Caregiver Appreciation awards for her work in foster care. He also reported that he paid a visit in early June to Juvenile Hall and found it to be clean, quiet, and orderly. He was especially impressed with the nurse for her delivery of medical services as well as outreach counseling. Finally, Commissioner D'Agati pointed out a recent article published by the Associated Press describing a significant decrease in juvenile arrests and juveniles sent to state juvenile correctional institutions over the past several years.

9.2 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Chair Douglas asked for discussion about the forum with law enforcement personnel and community members which took place in May. Commissioners expressed disappointment that very few parents came, particularly since the forum was supposed to help address concerns that parents had been reporting about interactions with law enforcement. Some discussion took place regarding ways to reach out to outlying communities and encourage members of the public to participate in future dialogues. This will be discussed in more detail during the September JJDPC meeting.

10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Meisel to authorize the Chair to write a letter of support to accompany YSB's grant application for the Street Outreach grant and the grant to fund the Our House program. Motion carried.

- 10.2 It was moved by Commissioner Johannsen and seconded by Commissioner Meisel? To authorize Chair Douglas and Commissioner Martin to request that the remainder of the commissions' funds be used to fund the activities of Humboldt County Transitional Age Youth Collaborative. Motion carried.
- 10.3 Commissioners agreed to not hold a regular commissions meeting in July. The next meeting will take place on August 11.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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