



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2011 - 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**~~

<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>U Dao Vang</b>
<b>X Dave Douglas</b>	
<b>X Aubrey Faust</b>	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Peter LaVallee, Jimmy Smith, Judge Hinrichs, Jessica Whatcott, Jim Hogue, Kim Cobine, Shelley Nilsen, Bill Damiano, Miranda Storre, plus 3 other attendees whose names were not captured clearly on the audio recording

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

Commissioner Daniel passed around several binders he received from former Commissioner Nadine Fleek containing minutes and other materials from the Siskiyou County Juvenile Justice Commission of which she is Chair. There was also a binder containing information on juvenile detention reform produced by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

### 4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2011 MEETING

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

### 5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Whatcott announced that there will be a brunch on April 3 which is a benefit for Teen Court. She circulated a flier with all the details.

### 6.0 PROGRAM

Commissioners Baker and Balcom-Storre, along with Jim Hogue, were the speakers for the program. They continue to work with families of at risk youth who engage in behaviors such as running away from home, assaulting parents, substance abuse, and gang activity. These parents feel they are not getting the support they need from law enforcement and other agencies and that in some cases, these agencies 'side with the child' against the parents. Jim Hogue commented that he has worked with a number of these families as a family therapist for long periods of time and that he is sometimes called to the scene first when a youth starts acting out. When the police arrive, they ask him to leave the room and then make their own split-second judgment of the situation without consulting him. Jim also discussed the link between recent marijuana use and episodes of violent behavior among youth. He also expressed concern over what he sees as a lax attitude on the part of some police officers about youth marijuana use.

### 7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

#### 7.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Shelley Nilsen reported that the department has gotten approval to implement three evidence-based practices. These include a substance abuse treatment model for youth, a tool for training staff at the Children's Center as well as foster parents, and a system of early intervention with families at risk of becoming involved in the CWS system. Other models are being explored for serving the transitional aged youth population. Part of the grant aimed at reducing long-term foster care placements will involve an effort to recruit foster families willing to take in at risk youth or youth with special needs. One part of this effort will involve gathering input on the training needs of foster parents.

#### 7.2 YSB/RCAA

Peter LaVallee reported that YSB is searching for his replacement as Director. He also reported on the progress of two pieces of legislation that are of interest to YSB. One of these will require a study of state resources available to help run-away and homeless youth. This bill is now in the Public Safety Committee. The other bill creates a new licensing category for emergency shelters that serve 'non-system' youth who come in voluntarily. It has not yet been assigned a committee.

### 7.3 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Kim Cobine reported that Commissioner Faust was one of two high school seniors to receive the Stellar Student award from the Rising Stars Foundation on March 2. Commissioner Faust was congratulated on this. Kim also reported that HCOE and the Community Schools program is facing severe budget cuts which will lead to staff decreases.

### 7.4 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin reported that there was a recent visit to the Regional Facility and Juvenile Hall by attorneys from the Prison Law Office. All youth were interviewed. The situation was handled very appropriately by probation staff. Commissioner Martin attended at the request of Chair Douglas and will continue at request of the Commission. Since the JJDPC already has a mandate to regularly inspect the facilities and serve as a forum for specific concerns about it to be addressed, Commissioner Martin suggested that a public awareness effort be undertaken. This will be discussed as an agenda item at an upcoming JJDPC meeting.

### 8.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that Probation has received approval from the Board of Supervisors to go ahead with plans to construct a replacement Juvenile Hall facility. Commissioners Martin and D'Agati attended the Board of Supervisors meeting where the proposal was presented and spoke in favor of the proposal on behalf of the commission at the request of Chair Douglas. Bill also reported that the JJDPC inspected Juvenile hall and the Regional Facility the week of March 7 and that CSA will be conducting its inspections the week of March 14.

### 9.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

#### 9.1 ADMINISTRATION

Chair Douglas announced that he will be out of the country during all of April and part of May so Commissioner Daniel will serve as Acting Chair. Commissioner Daniel reported that there are currently openings for three or four new commissioners at the present time. He also announced that during the April meeting, a committee will be established whose purpose is to nominate a slate of candidates for commissions officer positions.

#### 9.2 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

Commissioner Baker reported that Youth Ability has plans to open a small café in the lobby of the Vance Hotel in Eureka. This will serve as a site where youth can learn how to run a business prepare food, and general skills around keeping a job. The café is expected to open some time in May and they are applying for a grant for the initial funding. Commissioner asked for a letter of support for this project from the commission. It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Daniel to authorize the Acting Chair to write such a letter if and when Commissioner Baker requests it. Motion carried.

### 10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

