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REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2007 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.

**United Indian Health Services
1600 Weott Way, Arcata, CA 95521**

X Rose Baker	E Nadine Fleek
X Bill Daniel	E Peggy Hobbs
E Dave Douglas	E Maureen Johannsen
E Morgan Douglas	X Antoinette Martin
X Vincent Feliz	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Kim Cobine, Beverly Morgan-Lewis,
Doug Rasines, Bill Nichols, Jimmy Smith, Judge Miles

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was not formally called to order because there was not a quorum present. However, the program and regular reports took place as scheduled.

2.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

2.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Beverly Morgan-Lewis reported that the department received a three-year grant from California Connected by 25. These funds will be used to provide special services to youth who are aging out of the foster care system. The first year will focus on long range planning of activities with an emphasis on increasing the rate of high school graduation among these youth.

2.2 NATIVE AMERICAN CONCERNS

Commissioner Feliz alerted commissioners to the possibility that a new meeting site may need to be identified. The reason for this is that in order to use the UIHS facilities, a UIHS employee must be on site. Due to short staffing, this may not always be possible. Commissioner Feliz will keep commissioners posted on this.

2.3 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

Bill Nichols reported that Mental Health has now filled the positions of Director and Deputy Director. Bill also noted that they will soon begin interviewing candidates to replace the clinician at the Regional Facility who recently quit.

2.4 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin reported that the Regional Facility staff will begin a communication skills training for the youth starting in December and continuing into the middle of January. This training is designed to help the youth transition into the Aggression Replacement training.

3.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jimmy Smith reported that the next phase of SPAN's public awareness campaign about methamphetamine is going according to schedule. It will include a television ad featuring the County Coroner describing the effects of meth on the body.

4.0 PROBATION

Doug Rasines reported that the department is continuing to work on its plan for the use of the recent grant from the Division of Juvenile Justice. These funds serve as a substitute for committing youth to the DJJ facilities. Doug noted that the first part of the funds will be used to identify improvements that can be made to the services provided to youth who are already in Juvenile Hall. Later funds will be used for improving services for youth who are involved with the Probation system but remain in the community at large.

5.0 PROGRAM

Kim Cobine reported on the current situation in Humboldt County schools with respect to substance abuse and other problematic behaviors among students. Kim reported that school officials have expressed concerns to her regarding high rates of drug use, possession of weapons at school, and truancy. Also, there is a growing concern about signs of gang activity in the community though it has not been seen overtly at school. Kim also reported that data from the California Healthy Kids survey over the past five years show significantly higher rates of substance abuse among Humboldt County students than the statewide average. Kim may be contacted for a printed handout which gives more detailed statistics. In addition, the recordings of this and October's program are available on an audio CD which can be obtained by contacting Matt Daniel.

6.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

6.1 ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Daniel expressed concern about the lack of new commissioners and that more work needs to be done on recruitment. Currently, there are openings for up to two youth commissioners and four adult commissioners. It was decided that hardcopies of the new commissioner application form should be mailed to each commissioner to distribute to anyone they believe might be interested. This was done immediately after the meeting. Additional copies are available from Matt Daniel.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.