



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 14, 2008 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.
United Indian Health Services
1600 Weott Way, Arcata, CA 95521

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| E Rose Baker | E Nadine Fleek |
| X Steve D'Agati | X Peggy Hobbs |
| X Bill Daniel | X Maureen Johannsen |
| X Nestor Domingo | X Antoinette Martin |
| E Dave Douglas | E Barbara Redner |
| E Morgan Douglas | |
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OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Beverly Morgan-Lewis, Doug Rasines, Karolin Stein, Judge Wilson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Daniel 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 APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING

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

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1

Commissioner Johannsen requested that an updated list of commissioners' contact information be distributed in light of the fact that there have been new additions to the commission.

5.2

Commissioner Martin announced that she received a copy of the Juvenile Justice Commission handbook from Yolo County. Since the commissioners have expressed interest in updating the handbook in the past, she indicated that the Yolo County handbook might be a good resource.

5.3

Commissioner Domingo showed commissioners a booklet produced by the Center for Young Women's Development. This booklet describes problems and situations that youth entering the Juvenile Justice system may encounter. He is allowing commissioners to borrow the booklet but he requested that it be returned to him soon as it is a source for his thesis research.

6.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

6.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Beverly Morgan-Lewis reported on the department's planning on how to apply the funds they recently received from the California Connected by 25 program. They have now conducted a needs assessment and have decided that they need to focus on improving education and employment opportunities for the youth who are aging out of the CWS and/or Juvenile Justice systems.

6.2 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

As Bill Nichols was absent, Karolin Stein, the new director of Mental Health, reported in his stead. She reported on two initiatives that Mental health along with the entire DHHS department are undertaking. The first of these is to assess and, if necessary, provide mental health services to all youth who are in the foster care system. Along with this, there is a process under way to create a new branch within the DHHS department which focuses on children, families, and youth. This new branch will combine the services that the other branches currently provide to children and families. The second initiative involves using Mental Health Services Act moneys to develop a prevention and early intervention program. The issues that are to be addressed by this program include suicide, eliminating the stigma of mental illness, and working with transitional aged youth between the ages of 16 and 25.

6.3 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin reported on a recent incident in which a youth attacked another youth and then a correctional officer intervened. She reported that the situation was handled well by all the RF staff. However, it did indicate a possible need for cross training on how individuals present should behave to support safety measures being carried out by correctional officers.

7.0 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Wilson reported that he has received a request from another county for a Juvenile Justice Commission handbook on policies and procedures. He was wondering if the Humboldt County commission had such a handbook. Judge Wilson also reported that he met with some people from the Yurok Tribal Court to discuss ways of improving the coordination of services between tribal and state courts.

8.0 PROBATION

Doug Rasines reported that the department is starting to implement the use of a risk assessment tool for youth who first enter the system. This instrument helps determine the intensity of services needed and the youth's risk of developing more severe needs once a case plan has been established. A similar process is expected to be used on adults next year.

9.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9.1 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner D'Agati reported that he recently made a surprise visit to the Juvenile hall to conduct an unofficial inspection. His assessment was generally positive although he did note that several assaults had taken place in the past six months. One of these involved a youth attacking a correctional officer. The remainder of the meeting involved general discussion of how to deal with youth who are prone to violence.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

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