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REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.
United Indian Health Services
1600 Weott Way, Arcata, CA 95521

E Jason Akana	E Peggy Hobbs
E Rose Baker	X Maureen Johannsen
X Bill Daniel	U Samantha Love
E Dave Douglas	X Antoinette Martin
X Morgan Douglas	X Josh Meisel
X Vincent Feliz	
X Nadine Fleek	

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Bill Damiano, Judge Miles, Julie Savage

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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

Chair Daniel read a letter he received from Judge Miles approving Nick Rasines' appointment as a youth commissioner. Chair Daniel took this time to congratulate Nick on his academic and athletic accomplishments as portrayed in a September 13 article in the Times Standard.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2006 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Feliz and seconded by Commissioner Meisel to approve the minutes as corrected per Judge Miles' request. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Johannsen announced that the Whole Child interagency working group has been dissolved because members felt that sufficient collaboration has been taking place between agencies. Bill Damiano encouraged commissioners and former Whole Child participants to attend meetings of the Multi Agency Juvenile Justice Council (MAJJC.) Bill will provide Matt Daniel with details on this group including meeting times and locations shortly.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 ADMINISTRATION

Chair Daniel reported that all of the letters requested at the previous JJDPC meeting have been written and mailed. Commissioner Feliz confirmed that UIHS staff have received the letter thanking them for the use of the UIHS facility for JJDPC meetings.

6.2 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

6.21 NATIVE AMERICAN CONCERNS

Since he is no longer employed by UIHS, Commissioner Feliz announced that Julie Savage and/or Janice will attend most of the JJDPC meetings to represent UIHS. He also reported that he still wishes to revive the Native American Concerns committee but has had difficulty doing so because he has been extremely busy at his new job at HSU. However, he would like to have a meeting in the next few weeks and asked commissioners for preferred times. He will attempt to schedule a meeting soon and will alert commissioners and others of the date and time once this is done.

5.22 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Martin reported that she and some other Regional Facility staff are in the process of developing some training materials for the correctional officers and mental health clinicians. The idea is to help staff adjust the language they use when interacting with youth with respect to behavior. Specifically, staff will learn to reframe discussions of a youth's negative behavior in a more positive manner. For example, instead of telling youth that they have behaved unacceptably and have lost points, the staff will be encouraged to acknowledge the fact that the youth are learning new ways of behaving, that these skills are quite difficult to grasp at times, and that overall, the youth are making progress. The next step then would be to help the youth analyze the situation and think of a different way to handle it in the future. Since the Regional Facility is considered to be a therapeutic program rather than strictly a punishment center, this new approach is thought to increase the program's therapeutic impact.

6.3 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner Fleek followed up on the discussion at the previous meeting with respect to the Hoopa Substation inspection. The primary concern that arose during the inspection was that there was some confusion about whether the substation was legally a secure facility and under what conditions do logs need to be kept on juveniles held there. Substation staff were encouraged to consult County Counsel if they needed advice on this. Additionally, Commissioner Akana will obtain copies of the relevant policies from the Board of Corrections and make them available at the next JJDPC meeting.

6.4 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that Probation is applying for several grants that are offered by the Corrections Standards Authority. Two of these grants will be used to continue funding of the Juvenile Drug court. Since the RFP funds mental health programs rather than programs specifically dealing with drug abuse, the focus of the drug court will be broadened to include mental health issues in general. For this reason, youth who participate in the program will be required to participate in a prescribed amount of time in Functional Family Therapy in order to complete the program. Another CSA grant will provide funding for Probation to evaluate disproportionate minority contact. Bill also noted that as a result of investigations of other juvenile detention facilities conducted by the Prison Law Office, Probation is engaging in a complete evaluation of conditions, policies, and procedures at Juvenile Hall.

7.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Johannsen to authorize the chair to write letters of support for each of Probation's CSA grant applications pending the receipt of additional written information on each proposal. Motion carried. Bill Damiano will provide Chair Daniel with written summaries of these grant proposals.

7.2 COMMISSIONS ACTION PLANNING

Commissioner Johannsen suggested that instead of the entire commission developing action plans, a meeting of the executive committee be convened wherein such plans would be drafted. These plans would then be discussed and approved by the commission as a whole during the next JJDPC meeting. Commissioners were agreeable to this and Chair Daniel will attempt to schedule this meeting by the end of September. Commissioner Martin reported that she had recently spoken with Commissioner Baker regarding concerns raised by a number of foster parents regarding the response by law enforcement personnel to crisis situations involving "out of control" youth. It was suggested that JJDPC might be able to assist the various law enforcement agencies in adapting their training procedures so that personnel are better equipped to handle such situations.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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