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REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 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
X Dave Douglas	X Antoinette Martin
X Morgan Douglas	X Josh Meisel
X Vincent Feliz	X Nick Rasines
E Nadine Fleek	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Martin, Matt Daniel, Doug Rasines, Judge Miles, Brian Nunn, Alice Thompson, Jimmy Smith, Cindy Sutcliffe, Felece Pace, Yadao Inong, Bill Nichols

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

There were no correspondence.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 MEETING

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

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Nunn reported that he has won a series of law suits against the State of California and the county which would require the provision of mental health services for all children in foster care. He circulated press releases which announced the results of the suits. Mr. Nunn and Alice Thompson also expressed concerns about medical services provided to youth in Juvenile Hall. The concern was that certain youth were not receiving their medications while in the hall even though their parents gave the medicines as well as prescriptions to Juvenile Hall staff.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Dave Douglas announced that as of November 4, the building in which many of Eureka's Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held will no longer be available for that purpose. He asked commissioners to let him know if they think of possible alternative sites.

6.2 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

6.21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Cindy Sutcliffe reported that the department has concluded its self-assessment project. This is the first step in their three-year system improvement process. A report on the self-assessment will be posted on the DHHS web site within the next month. Cindy will alert commissioners when the report is available. Cindy also reported that they have begun referring calls classified as level I on their differential response system to family resource centers throughout the county. For the time being, they are focusing on more remote areas such as Blue Lake, Redway, and Willow creek. Other family resource centers will be added later.

6.22 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Kim Cobine reported that the GRIP program will continue operation using funds granted by the California Wellness Foundation as well as donations from local sources such as the Eureka and Fortuna school districts. The focus of the program will change slightly to provide more emphasis on academic improvement through services such as after school tutoring.

6.23 NATIVE AMERICAN CONCERNS

Commissioner Feliz announced that the next Native American Concerns committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 16 at 5:30 P.M. at UIHS. He also introduced Felece Pace and Yadao Inong of the Yurok Tribe. They will give a program on youth services offered through the Yurok tribe at the November JJDPC meeting.

6.24 CFS/MENTAL HEALTH

Bill Nichols reported that one of the Regional Facility clinicians has recently attended a "Train the Trainer" workshop on the ART program which is one of the components of the treatment program at the Regional Facility. This person will then be able to train other Regional Facility staff.

6.3 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Chair Daniel, Commissioner Johannsen, and Commissioner Meisel reported on their recent inspection of Juvenile Hall and the Regional Facility. One of the concerns that arose during the inspection was that a youngster in Juvenile Hall reported that he had not been allowed

outside the building for recreation in over a month. Another concern was that it appeared as though military recruiters were allowed to recruit youth from the Regional Facility. Doug Rasines responded to these concerns during his regular report. See item 6.5.

6.4 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Miles swore in Nick Rasines as the final step to his appointment as a youth commissioner. Commissioners congratulated Nick on his successful appointment to the commission and officially welcomed him aboard.

6.5 PROBATION

Doug Rasines responded to the various concerns that were raised throughout the meeting regarding Juvenile Hall and the Regional Facility. He explained that these facilities are inspected by state agencies such as CSA. These inspections have repeatedly shown that the facilities have met or exceeded the policy standards set by CSA regarding medical care, recreation, and other issues involving incarcerated youth. He did acknowledge that although the facilities meet these requirements, it is quite possible that in day-to-day practice, mistakes are made and miscommunications occur for a variety of reasons. He pointed out that there have been fairly recent changes to the policies for administering medication at the hall which require more thorough verification by the hall's medical staff of medications, prescription information, dosages, etc. These verification procedures may at times make it more difficult for youth to receive their medicines in a timely manner. Doug encouraged anyone who had specific concerns about medical issues in the hall to contact him privately and he promised to look into the concerns raised at this meeting. Doug also noted that the Regional Facility does not allow active recruiting of youth into any field including the military. However, he did say that the facility occasionally has "career days" in which people from various fields give presentations and that people from the military sometimes participate. He suggested that this most likely explained the presence of military recruiters at the Regional Facility.

7.0 PROGRAM

Due to a scheduling conflict, the original program on crisis mental health services for children was postponed until December. However, Bill Nichols briefly described the services offered through Mental Health's PES unit. During the discussion that followed, several people expressed a concern that youth in Juvenile Hall who experience a mental health crisis are being released from the PES unit and returned to the hall too quickly and are seldom placed on an extended psychiatric hold. Bill pointed out that by law, a person cannot be involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital for more than 24 hours unless there is an immediate danger of suicide or harm to others.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

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