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REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2014 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Humboldt County Office of Education Annex
901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501

X Rose Baker	X Steve Schaening
X Bill Daniel	X Cole Vanwey
X Scott Frank	X Linda Yates
X Peggy Hobbs	
E Josh Meisel	

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Bill Nichols, Bill Damiano, Leah Lamattina, Sacha Marini, Maura Eastman, Winnie Williams, Judge Wilson, Mark Lovelace, Stephany Yang, Dianna Heimstadt

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel 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

The agenda was adjusted to allow Chair Daniel to discuss AB 420, a proposed piece of zero tolerance-related legislation.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2014 MEETING

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

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no commissioner announcements or public comments.

6.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

6.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill Nichols reported that CFs and Mental Health Services have now set up their electronic records system and it is working well. Additional forms will be added over the next few months and the system should be fully in place this Summer. Bill also reported that CWS and Mental Health are working with HCOE to develop a program that offers mental health services to youth in the schools.

6.2 YSB/RCAA

Maura Eastman reported that the grant that supported YSB's Transitional Living Program has been restored. This program serves young people between the ages of 18-24 who are not involved in the Probation system. Maura also reported that YSB will be involved in this year's annual Point In Time count of homeless people in Humboldt County. They are especially concerned with making sure homeless youth are reported.

6.3 TEEN COURT

Sacha Marini reported that Teen Court is now accepting referrals directly from Eureka City Schools for offenses that would otherwise lead to suspension or expulsion from school. For the time being, this is limited to 9th and 10th graders but may expand in the future. Sacha also reported that two of the Teen Court youth volunteers have received scholarship awards for their service to the community. One was recognized by Siroptimists of Humboldt County and the other by the Humboldt County Bar Association. Finally, Sacha announced that Teen Court's annual art show will take place on May 3 at Los Bagels in Eureka during Arts Alive.

6.4 HCTAYC

Commissioner Vanwey reported that HCTAYC is working on developing a curriculum to train professionals who work with youth on how to deal with youth who are deaf. He also reported that the Youth Advisory Board has been giving presentations about HCTAYC at a variety of conferences and workshops around the state.

6.5 REGIONAL FACILITY

Commissioner Schaening and Bill Damiano fielded questions from attendees who are new to the commission and were not familiar with the RF program.

7.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that the statistics for all aspects of Juvenile Probation continue to remain quite low with JH and RF populations consistently in the low teens. Bill also reported on Probation's budget and the impact of the loss of federal moneys. Although

they will be able to make up most of the shortfall for the upcoming year, they expect revenues to drop by half until the issues related to Title 4E claiming can be resolved.

8.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8.1 ZERO TOLERANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Schaening reported that the recently convened subcommittee that is studying zero tolerance policies in schools met for the first time earlier in April. At issue is schools' policies of suspending or expelling students for various offenses including violent behavior, drug and alcohol possession, and 'willful defiance.' After examining some of the local school districts' statistics, the committee found that the largest number of suspensions and expulsions fell into the willful defiance category which is quite vague and open to interpretation by individual teachers and school officials. The committee is charged with developing a set of policy recommendations to reduce the number of students suspended or expelled under these zero tolerance policies. They will meet again on April 21 and report their progress at the May meeting.

Chair Daniel reported that the California Legislature is considering a bill known as AB420 which would severely limit schools' ability to suspend or expel students for willful defiance. He has posted links to information on this bill on the zero tolerance policies page of the JJDPDC web site. He requested that commissioners examine this information and email him as to whether the commission should endorse or oppose this legislation. A motion was made by Commissioner Schaening and seconded by Commissioner Yates to authorize Chair Daniel to write a letter to the appropriate legislator(s) endorsing or opposing AB420 based on the recommendations of individual commissioners. The motion carried.

8.2 MINI GRANT PROPOSALS

There were two proposals submitted requesting a portion of the \$1,000 the commission has available for small grants. Teen Court is requesting funds to help send six youth volunteers to the California State-Wide Youth Court Summit at Sonoma State this June. YSB is requesting part of the funds to support a joint venture between the Eureka community school and the Raven garden wherein students can receive elective credit for working in the garden. The awarding of these grants will happen at the May meeting.

8.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICER NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chair Daniel announced that it is time to form a committee charged with nominating a slate of candidates for commission officer positions. These offices include Chair of the commission, Vice Chair of Administration, Vice Chair of Juvenile Justice, Vice Chair of Delinquency Prevention, and Vice Chair of Community Relations. The nominating committee will present its selected slate in May and elections will happen in June. Commissioners Schaening, Yates, and Daniel agreed to perform this function.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.