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REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2014 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Humboldt County Office of Education Annex
901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Bill Damiano, Sacha Marini, Maura Eastman, Qaiel Peltier, Judge Hinrichs, Meredith Williams, Rochelle Trochtenberg, Mark Lovelace, Jade, Leah, Manuel, and others from the Youth Advisory Board Kelsey Reedy, various students from the HSU Social work department

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was reached later.

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

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Sacha Marini had sent several emails regarding Zero Tolerance policies. These have been distributed prior to the meeting.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2014 MEETING

The minutes could not be approved as there was not yet a quorum present.

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Meisel announced that the Friends Service Committee will be hosting an event on February 26 entitled "Putting Justice in Criminal Justice." It will focus on the prison system and will discuss issues such as solitary confinement. Commissioner Meisel and Kelsey Reedy also announced the Criminal Justice Dialogue on March 5, 6, and 7 at HSU. Topics covered will include disproportionate minority contact with the justice system, zero tolerance policies in schools, and the 'school to prison pipeline.'

6.0 PROGRAM

The program was presented by Rochelle Trochtenberg, Qaiel Peltier, and many of the youth who are involved with HCTAYC and the Youth Advisory Board. HCTAYC is a collaboration between youth between the ages of 16-26, DHHS, and other community partners to improve the overall wellbeing of transitional aged youth. This collaboration is largely youth driven and includes youth who have direct experience with the mental health, foster care, and juvenile justice systems, as well as homelessness. Among other things, the youth advocate for themselves and other youth to improve these systems and improve outcomes for these youth. One of their activities is to develop policy recommendations which are shared with the agencies dealing with homelessness, mental health, probation, and foster care. Their most recent set of recommendations were for Probation. These recommendations were based on data from focus groups of youth with experience in the system as well as input from Juvenile Probation staff. The group did not go into great detail on the content of the recommendations but they did have a handout that listed them. Qaiel, Rochelle or anyone on the Youth Advisory Board may be contacted for more specific information.

7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

7.1 YSB/RCAA

Maura Eastman reported that YSB is going through the licensing process to offer services to foster youth beyond the age of 18. They received a \$100,000 donation from a private citizen who earmarked it for the purchase of an apartment building which will house these transitional aged youth. YSB has begun an initiative they call 'Solid Ground' and will be raising funds which will cover the remaining costs of this purchase and provide the extended foster care services. Maura will update the commission on this as appropriate.

7.2 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Cheryl Ingham reported that the community schools continue to get positive results from the truancy prevention program they implemented a few years ago. She also noted a trend in which school districts are referring students with behavior needs to the community schools but these students do not necessarily belong in that program. They will be working on a solution to this problem soon.

7.3 TEEN COURT

Sacha Marini briefly went over the Teen Court annual report for 2013. One of the major items of note was that the court heard only 24 cases though than handle twice that number. Sacha primarily attributed this to the lack of juvenile diversion options in Eureka. She is currently engaged in discussions with the Eureka police department and Eureka City Schools to create such opportunities. Sacha made several copies of the report available at the meeting and additional copies can be had by contacting Matt Daniel.

8.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Lovelace reported that discussions are underway between a variety of organizations concerning methamphetamine use in Humboldt County. They are trying to determine the best strategies for raising public awareness and reducing meth use among youth. This is in the very early stages and Supervisor Lovelace will report more details as they develop.

9.0 PROBATION

Sense it was nearing 8:00 at this point, Bill Damiano simply noted that all the activities on which he normally reports are continuing apace.

10.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

10.1 ADMINISTRATION

Chair Daniel reminded everyone of his proposed change in the commissions' bylaws regarding requirements for a quorum. Currently, six active members must be present to reach a quorum regardless of the total number of commissioners. The change would be that if the number of active commissioners is nine or less, a majority would constitute a quorum. If there are ten or more commissioners enrolled, six of them would need to be present to reach a quorum. Assuming a quorum is reached, a vote will be taken on this during the March meeting.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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