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REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 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	E Linda Yates
X Scott Frank	
E Peggy Hobbs	
X Josh Meisel	

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Bill Damiano, Cole Venway, Qaiel Peltier, Shelley Nilsen, Jennifer Fairbanks, Rochelle Trochtenberg, Sacha Marini, Mark Lovelace, members of the Youth Advisory Board

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel at 6:00 P.M. A quorum was not 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

There were no requests for adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Daniel alerted everyone to two reports on 'zero tolerance' policies which had been forwarded to Matt Daniel by Commissioner Meisel and Sacha Marini. Matt had forwarded the

messages to all members and guests earlier that day. Those who did not receive these items should contact Matt for extra copies.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING

Because there was not a quorum present, the minutes could not be approved.

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

Shelley Nilsen reported that the psychiatrist at the children's mental health clinic has recently retired and they think they have one or more temporary replacement doctors to fill the void. They should all be on board later in December. Shelley also reported that the managed care organization that is now administering Medi-Cal is teaming up with another organization that deals with mental health services. This will allow adults to access mental health services and have them paid for by Medi-Cal, something that is currently not possible unless the person is in a crisis. In the next few weeks, they expect to make the same services available to youth. Shelley went over quite a few other items including current activities with the System of Care grant, steps being taken to meet Katy A requirements. And expansion of 'wrap-around' services.

6.2 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Jennifer Fairbanks reported that the community schools are beginning to implement a restorative justice approach for dealing with minor infractions among students. They are working with the Blue Ox Mill on this and, when appropriate, the offending student would be assigned some form of work assignment at Blue Ox to be done on his/her own time. Jennifer also reported that they will be teaching Aggression Replacement Training at one of the community school sites. This is the same treatment strategy that makes up a large part of the Regional Facility treatment program. Students who are involved with Probation will take the class but they might be able to make it available to other students as well.

6.4 HCTAYC

Qaiel Peltier reported that some of the youth from HCTAYC will be attending two different workshops in which they will be learning leadership and facilitation skills as well as more technical skills such as grant writing. Qaiel also introduced Juan and Manuel, two new members of the Youth Advisory Board who attended the meeting. Cole Venway passed around a summary of the juvenile justice policy recommendations which HCTAYC has been working on for more than a year. They will present on this as a program at the February JJDPC meeting.

7.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Mark Lovelace has been assigned duties related to the commission and will attend meetings whenever possible. He did not give a report as such but commented on his interests in the issues the commission deals with. He has been involved in Changing Tides and the Decade of Difference program and is looking forward to assisting the commission whenever needed.

8.0 JUVENILE COURT

Although she is no longer the Juvenile Court Judge, Judge Hinrichs reported that she will continue to lead the taskforce charged with truancy prevention. She is also involved in the updating of guidelines pertaining to the education of youth in foster care. Judge Wilson is the new Juvenile Court Judge and hopefully will attend the February meeting.

9.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that Humboldt County as well as every other Probation department in the state is facing a serious problem having to do with the means by which they receive reimbursement for services rendered. Most of their juvenile probation services are reimbursed through a subsection of the Social Security Act. However, several counties were recently audited and some significant problems were discovered. Every Probation department in the state is now having to justify when and how they normally make claims in order to determine compliance with the laws. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved soon and the county Probation departments will be able to resume filing claims. Bill also reported that there has been a slight uptick in the Juvenile Hall population in December while the population of the Regional Facility has dropped some. He attributed this, at least in part, to the fact that more youth than usual are in the hall for more serious offenses and are staying longer.

10.0 DISCUSSION OF ZERO TOLERANCE STUDY

The rest of the meeting consisted of a fair amount of discussion on how the commission should approach the study of zero tolerance policies in schools wherein students are suspended or expelled for certain disciplinary problems. Specifically, the interest was in looking at zero tolerance policies for 'willful defiance.' After all the discussion wound down, it was more or less decided that the next step is to read up on specific zero tolerance policies, if any, within the various school districts. Ultimately it is hoped that a better understanding can be reached concerning the impact of such policies on long-term school outcomes. Sacha Marini and the student interns working with her agreed to help with the research. Sacha also has a number of reports on this topic including several student theses. These were later sent to Matt Daniel who forwarded them to commissioners. Commissioner Meisel had some additional information as well. This has also been distributed to commissioners.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.