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REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 11, 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, Sacha Marini, Kelsey Reedy, Judge Wilson, Cheryl Ingham, Maura Eastman, Colleen O'Sullivan, Jody Green, **Leah Lamattina**

- 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
There were no major adjustments to the agenda.
- 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE
There were no correspondences.

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2014 MEETING

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

5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Daniel commented on an extensive report recently released by the Council on State Government concerning disciplinary practices in public schools. This analysis pertains to the zero tolerance issue and Chair Daniel has posted a link to the report on the zero tolerance page of the JJDC web site.

6.0 PROGRAM

Colleen O'Sullivan presented her Master's Thesis on victim-offender mediation and restorative justice models and their possible application in Humboldt County. The research involved holding focus groups and individual interviews with a variety of stakeholders including police, DA staff, Probation staff, social workers, and tribal leaders. One of the findings from the study was that "justice", meant different things to different people. For some, "justice", was a system or process for reaching an outcome as in the "justice system." For others, the term meant an outcome or resolution of a conflict. Restorative justice involves getting the person(s) who committed a crime and the victim(s) together so that victims could share with offenders how they were impacted by the crime. Eventually, a contract is agreed to between all parties and a neutral mediator and usually requires the offender to provide some type of restitution directly to the victim rather than serve a sentence imposed by the court system. Some of the conclusions from Colleen's study were that such a restorative justice model might indeed be workable in Humboldt County, especially in small, close-knit communities like those in Southern Humboldt. However, further study and education is needed to determine exactly how best to make it happen and what specific situations are best suited for such an approach.

7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

7.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill Nichols reported that Shelley Nilsen has left DHHS to take another job but Shelley has not been at liberty to disclose the nature of that job at this time. Bill will represent DHHS at commission meetings for the time being. He reported that Children's Mental Health Services was required to submit a Program Improvement Plan to the state in which the department takes a particular aspect of the program they know is problematic and work on trying to solve it. They chose to focus on providing more whole-family oriented services as opposed to just working with individual youth. They already try to do this by using approaches such as Functional Family Therapy but they have now developed a system for tracking instances of clinicians using such approaches and the resulting outcomes. They are also working on improving the rate of follow-up care after a youth's has been evaluated by staff at SV or the Psychiatric Emergency Services units. This involves making direct referrals to the outpatient clinic, the TAY division or any other appropriate agencies and then making periodic phone calls to the families to see if they followed up with these services. It is hoped that this will reduce the number of psychiatric crises each youth experiences.

7.2 YSB/RCAA

Maura Eastman reported that the program coordinator for the YSB street outreach program is leaving to attend graduate school so they are in the process of recruitment for a replacement. Maura also reported that a second donation was given to the Solid Ground initiative which is intended to purchase an apartment building and accompanying services to youth who are taking advantage of extended foster care services. In addition, the Launch Pad facility is back to full operation thanks to YSB recently receiving their main TLP grant. Finally Maura thanked the commission for the \$500 grant awarded in May for the Raven Garden project.

7.3 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Cheryl Ingham reported that 12 seniors will be graduating from the community schools program. A number of others returned to their original schools to graduate. Cheryl also reported that over 200 students have enrolled in Summer school classes at the community schools which is unusually high. In many cases these students are doing this to pick up the last few credits they need in order to graduate.

7.4 TEEN COURT

Sacha Marini reported that the Teen Court program recently received the annual **Program of the Year award from the national Boys and Girls club**. Several youth volunteers will be traveling to the state-wide Youth Court Summit at the end of June. The organizers of the summit have requested that some of the art work from the Second Chances art show be brought along for display. Sacha reported that although the process of direct referrals from Eureka City Schools got off to a late start, Teen Court did handle two cases and expect more to come next school year.

7.5 HCTAYC

Leah Lamattina reported that 10 youth will be traveling to the Digital Story Telling center later in June to record their stories. Some of them are in extended foster care, others have participated in the TAY program through DHHS, and three Youth Advisory Board members will also attend. Leah also reported that HCTAYC will hold another TIP training at the end of July.

8.0 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Wilson reported that funding has become available to hire two new judges for the Superior Court. Several judges will be retiring soon and will be replaced leading to a significant change to the makeup of the Superior Court bench. The judge observed that of the three components of the Family court, the Family Law section currently handles the largest number of cases and there can be a backlog of several months. When this happens, some of the youth enmeshed in family crises spill over into Delinquency Court. Judges Wilson and Hinrichs are looking into engaging with other service providers to offer services to these families in order to prevent this spillover.

9.0 PROBATION

Jody Green passed out copies of the monthly Probation data that Bill Damiano normally provides. She and Judge Wilson answered questions regarding the increased number of competency cases coming through the Probation system.

10.0 ELECTION OF COMMISSIONS OFFICERS

The following slate of commissioners was nominated to serve as commissions officers for the upcoming term

Commissions Chair, Commissioner Daniel; Vice Chair Community Relations, Commissioner Vanwey; Vice Chair Administration, Commissioner Schaening; Vice Chair Juvenile Justice, Commissioner Frank; Vice Chair Delinquency Prevention, Commissioner Baker. It was moved by Commissioner Yates and seconded by Commissioner Hobbs to elect the above slate of candidates to their respective positions for the term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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