



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY  
PREVENTION COMMISSION  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF 2014 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**  
**Humboldt County Office of Education Annex**  
**901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501**

<b>X Rose Baker</b>	<b>X Steve Schaening</b>
<b>X Bill Daniel</b>	<b>X Cole Venway</b>
<b>X Scott Frank</b>	<b>E Linda Yates</b>
<b>X Peggy Hobbs</b>	
<b>E Josh Meisel</b>	

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Bill Damiano, Shelley Nilsen, Mark Lovelace, Cheryl Ingham, Maura Eastman, Judge Wilson, Leah Lamattina, Kelsey Reedy

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

Since there was a quorum present, some of the action items were moved to the spot immediately following the commissioner swearing in ceremony before any commissioners had a chance to leave.

### 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Aside from materials on Zero Tolerance provided by Sacha Marini, most of which had been sent to everyone prior to the meeting, there were no correspondences.

### 4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2014 MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Schaening and seconded by Commissioner Frank to approve both the January and February minutes as written. The motion carried.

### 5.0 COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no commissioner announcements or public comments.

### 6.0 SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Cole Venway was sworn in by Judge Wilson as a new commissioner. Members and guests joined in welcoming him aboard. This brings the number of active commissioners to eight.

### 7.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

#### 7.1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Shelley Nilsen reported that DHHS has been meeting with HCOE staff and school district officials to establish stronger links between DHHS and the educational system. DHHS has also started working on the implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, a comprehensive model for dealing with behavioral issues which has been shown to significantly reduce disciplinary problems in schools. A few schools are already using this approach successfully and it is hoped that most, if not all, of the schools in the county will eventually implement it. More information on this model is at <http://www.pbis.org>. Shelley also reported that DHHS is in the process of establishing regional sites which will decentralize services and help with outreach to outlying areas of the county. The first of these satellite sites will be in McKinleyville and Fortuna. Eventually, they hope to expand to even more remote areas such as Southern and Eastern Humboldt.

#### 7.2 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Cheryl Ingham gave a very brief update on the implementation of a new type of standardized test that is part of the Common Core Standards and is much more technologically based than previous tests. HCOE has purchased additional computers and other equipment and is about to start testing students in the community schools. One of the youth volunteers from Teen Court compiled a document containing data on school suspensions reported to the state reporting agency. Cheryl and Sacha Marini briefly went over this report which will be part of the commission's zero tolerance policy examination. The largest number of suspensions in Humboldt County were for 'willful defiance'. This has raised concerns because it is a vague classification that means different things to different people. This report was distributed to commissioners prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting.

#### 7.3 TEEN COURT

Sacha Marini reported that Teen Court continues to work with Eureka City Schools and the Eureka police department to divert more youth into Teen Court and avoid cancellation of court sessions. There are a lot of issues to work out and this process is going to take some time

but they are making inroads and hope to begin serving more youth within the next few months. Sacha also noted that she is working with the Step-Up program to try to get one of the Teen Court youth volunteers hired for a small position as a Youth Assistant. The national Boys and Girls Club has chosen Teen Court to receive its annual honors award. There is a \$5,000.00 prize attached to this award and only one BGC program in the entire country receives it each year. Finally, Sacha announced that they are looking for youth artists to submit their work for the annual Second Chances art show which will be at Los Bagels in Eureka on May 3. More information on this will be provided later.

#### 7.4 HCTAYC

Commissioner Venway reported that the Youth Advisory Board is in the process of finalizing the juvenile justice policy recommendations they have been developing over the past year. They will attend a retreat the week of March 17 in which they will work on this as well as train the newest board members.

#### 8.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Lovelace reported that he is exploring the idea of establishing a youth council which would influence decisions that are made on behalf of youth at the county level. Such a group would act much like HCTAYC except that it would include youth of more varying ages and could influence issues both inside and outside the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention realm. He noted that the majority of the officials charged with planning for the future of youth are much older than the youth they serve so they need to hear from the youth themselves. This idea is in the very early stages of exploration and Supervisor Lovelace hopes to offer more specifics on it in the near future.

#### 9.0 JUVENILE COURT

Judge Wilson asked commissioners to comment on what specific criteria should be used for approval of new commissioners. Some discussion followed and commissioners agreed to be very careful as to whom they recommend to the judge for final approval.

#### 10.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano gave his regular update on statistics concerning youth in the Probation system. The numbers continue to remain relatively low with an increase this month in the use of detention alternatives such as electronic monitoring and home supervision. Probation will present the preliminary paperwork on the Juvenile Hall construction project to the state Public Works Board at the beginning of April. This marks the official launch of the project. Bill also updated the commission on budgetary issues including the suspension of Probation's ability to claim certain federal dollars.

#### 11.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

##### 11.1 ADMINISTRATION

Chair Daniel reported that he is working on some major modifications to the JJDPC web site. These changes will significantly improve the look and functionality of the site as well as make it compatible with mobile devices. Chair Daniel also pointed out that there are two commissioners who are still on the rolls but who have not participated in many months. Technically, that means there are 10 commissioners instead of eight. The bylaws state that a

commissioner who has had more than four consecutive unexcused absences is automatically dropped from the rolls. Chair Daniel asked commissioners for permission to do this. Permission was granted and Chair Daniel will submit a formal request to Judge Wilson asking that these individuals be removed from the commission.

## 12.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### 12.1 CHANGE IN COMMISSIONS BYLAWS

A change in the commissions' bylaws had previously been proposed with respect to a quorum. The proposed change would read that a quorum is present when a majority of active members is present or if six active members are present, whichever is lesser. Since there are now eight active commissioners, five of them would constitute a quorum. It was moved by Commissioner Frank to approve this change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schaening and carried. The bylaws will be updated and posted on the commissions' web site very soon.

### 12.2 DISPURSEMENT OF \$1000 TRUST FUND

There was a discussion as to how the commission should spend its annual fund which totals \$1,000. For the last few years, this money was used to provide small grants to projects that contributed to the improvement of juvenile justice or delinquency prevention. It was moved by Commissioner Schaening and seconded by Commissioner Baker? To use the funds for the same purpose this year. The motion carried. Applicants must submit a short written grant proposal to Chair Daniel by April 9. Any proposals received will be reviewed and discussed at the April meeting. Chair Daniel and Supervisor Lovelace will work together to distribute an announcement of this opportunity across the county's communications networks.

### 12.3 ZERO TOLERANCE STUDY STRATEGY

It was decided that a subcommittee would be established which would meet on its own and report back to the full commission during the April meeting. Chair Daniel will head this subcommittee and Commissioners Baker, Schaening and Venway will also serve. Leah Lamattina and Kelsey Reedy also agreed to participate. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 7 at 3:00 P.M. in the Probation department's conference room. They will give a progress report at the April JJDPC meeting.

## 13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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