



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY  
PREVENTION COMMISSION  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2015 - 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>E Janae Teal</b>
<b>X Scott Frank</b>	<b>X Cole Vanwey</b>
<b>X Peggy Hobbs</b>	<b>X Meredith Williams</b>
<b>E Josh Meisel</b>	<b>X Linda Yates</b>

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Mark Lovelace, Qaiel Peltier, Cheryl Ingham, Sacha Marini, Leah Lamattina, Elijah Shay, Caterina Lewis-Perry

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

Chair Daniel introduced Caterina Lewis-Perry who has submitted an application to join the commission. Caterina is currently involved with several local organizations including Food For People and NCBBS and has had personal experience as a youth who fell into a number of groups of disadvantaged youth but overcame these barriers. Copies of the application were given to members of the executive committee and a vote to approve it will be taken in April.

### 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences

### 5.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORTS

#### 5.1 HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Cheryl Ingham reported that for the first time, more than 50% of the students in the community schools have passed the California Exit Exam. Cheryl also noted that she and Jen Fairbanks will present the county's Local Control Accountability Plan at the May JJDPC meeting.

#### 5.2 TEEN COURT

Sacha Marini reported that Teen Court is now accepting submissions for the annual art show in May. She also reported that there are difficulties with referring youth to Teen Court because the Arcata diversion program has been suspended. They are moving closer to setting up something similar with the Eureka police department but it will take time to work out the details. In the meantime, there have been very few cases and no one is sure what will happen.

#### 5.3 HCTAYC

Leah Lamattina reported that HCTAYC recently hosted an event entitled 'Stomp Out Stigma' to raise awareness of mental health issues many youth experience. A training on suicide prevention was part of this event. HCTAYC will now work on activities to take place during Mental Health Awareness Month which is in May.

### 6.0 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Lovelace reported that the board has been made aware of an acute staffing crisis in the medical units of the Mental Health department. In addition to two unfilled positions for staff physicians, a number of support staff have quit at nearly the same time and there is a significant lag time in getting new hires on board. The board along with DHHS staff are currently exploring interim steps that can be taken to relieve the acute problems as well as possible structural changes that may be needed in the long term.

7.0 A motion was made by Commissioner Schaening and seconded by Commissioner Yates to authorize the Chair to write a letter to the Arcata City Council, the Arcata Chief of Police, and the Arcata City Manager supporting the continuance of the Arcata diversion program. The motion carried.

### 8.0 SWOT ANALYSIS

Sacha Marini led the commission in an exercise entitled Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, (SWOT), analysis which builds on the strategic planning process begun at the February meeting. Essentially, commissioners identified both strengths and weaknesses within the commission itself as well as external opportunities and obstacle's that might help or hinder the commission's ability to meet its goals and mission. A large number of these internal and external strengths and weaknesses were mentioned and written up in butcher paper. They were later revised into document form and are included at the end of these minutes. They will be shared with Byrd Lochtie and incorporated into the commission's strategic plan during the April JJDPC meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

### Strengths (Internal)

- diversity + multiple systems perspective
- shared commitment
- institutional knowledge
- new young people
- enthusiastic energy
- desire for action/ efficacy
- network of connections
- access to high rank officials
- subpoena power of the court
- stable, comfortable, equipped venue
- forum style exchange of info
- public accessibility/ open to public/ welcoming
- emphasis/ focus on prevention + early intervention
- adheres to vision + mission
- access to probation/ juv. hall/ regional with good relations
- situated to address systematic oppression

### Weakness (Internal)

- lack of tribal + rural connections/ involvement/ and representation
- communication is slow/ hard to be responsive
- lack of youth
- lack of direction or developed actions plans/ strategies
- lack of clear authority
- impeded efficacy
- lack of time
- lack of delegation "who's going to do it?"
- Inactive/ underutilized sub committees
- poor note-taking + follow through
- website needs revamping
- no orientation process

### Opportunities (external)

- CJS major/ HSU Social Work masters students involved
- progressive community
- lack of being told what to do/ freedom
- judge's support
- CBO available to work with
- small scale + rural context
- good data set
- easy to get funding
- good info sharing
- JJPC has some devoted funding/ budget

### Threats (external)

- attitude of needing to criminalize to get youth what they need

- mental health issues
- substance abuse
- no funding for 601 status offences
- trouble communication with the public/ low visibility/ low public awareness
- lack of affordable housing
- falling youth employment opportunities in a time of rising needs
- broader national focus on punishment
- histories of oppression + social inequality
- not engaged w/ tribes
- competitive political environment
- school discipline/ push out/ zero-tolerance
- poverty + a history of harmful socioeconomics
- prop 47
- negative stereotyping/ stigma of Juvenile 'delinquency'
- derogatory dehumanizing terminology

\*note: some minor changes made from the original activity to increase overall coherency\*