



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
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REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 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 Janae Teal
X Scott Frank	X Cole Vanwey
X Peggy Hobbs	X Meredith Williams
E Josh Meisel	X Linda Yates

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Daniel, Bill Nichols, Bill Damiano, Sacha Marini, Qaeil Peltier, Leah Lamattina, Kara Reed, Vivian Sanchez Emily Bartosch, Joshua Toney, Denise DeBellis

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

4.0 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2014 MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Schaening to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yates and carried.

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

Bill Nichols reported that a new Deputy Director for DHHS has been hired and will begin reporting to the commission at the February, 2015 meeting. Bill also noted that several practice models are being implemented which will bridge services between CWS and Mental Health.

6.2 TEEN COURT

Sacha Marini reported that some of the Teen Court volunteers are interviewing people who played a role in establishing a Teen Court in Humboldt County. The end product of this will be a historical documentary about the court which will serve as a permanent record. The Humboldt Historical Society is assisting with this project. Sacha also reported that the youth leaders have become more engaged in training the incoming youth volunteers and are beginning to train the student attorneys. Finally, Sacha noted that Teen Court's case load continues to be very low. Since Measure Q passed, she is going to continue pursuing the implementation of a youth diversion program in the city of Eureka.

6.3 HCTAYC

Qaeil Peltier reported that HCTAYC's 'Fall Feast' will take place later in November. It is open to youth between the ages of 15-26 who have had some type of contact with a youth oriented government agency or system such as foster care, CWS, Mental Health, or Probation. During this time, the youth will have an opportunity to complete a survey and/or participate in focus groups as part of a new grant which aims to identify support services to help prevent youth exiting any of these systems from becoming homeless.

7.0 PROBATION

Bill Damiano reported that the population at Juvenile Hall has been in the mid-teens but many of the youth are there for serious charges and there are several competency cases. The population at the Regional Facility currently stands at 13 with several youth coming from other counties. Bill also reported that the department is facing some significant budgetary issues. They will now be able to resume filing claims for reimbursement under Title 4E but there will still be a shortfall. The department is beginning to examine the implications on the passage of Proposition 47 which reduces most low-level offenses to misdemeanor's thus saving the state money on its prison system. In the long run Bill said that this will be a benefit because it will redirect funds to prevention oriented endeavor's. In the short term, however, it is going to significantly hurt current programs such as drug courts because these services are available to those charged with felonies.

8.0 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

8.1 ADMINISTRATION

Chair Daniel reported that he has written and sent letters of thanks to those who participated in the panel discussion at the October meeting. He also suggested that in the near future, the owners of the Blue Ox be invited to give a special program at one of the JJDC meetings.

8.2 JUVENILE JUSTICE

Commissioner Frank reported that he participated in a training session back in October on the guidelines suggested by the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative as they might apply to places like Juvenile Hall. He also reported that a tentative date of December 11 has been set for the inspections of Juvenile Hall, the Regional Facility, and the Sheriff's substation in Garberville. Bill Damiano cautioned everyone that the legal requirements for these inspection are distinct from the ideas put forth by the JDAI and the two should not be confused.

9.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

The remainder of the meeting involved a discussion of the panel from the last meeting and how to proceed from there. It was mutually agreed to eventually act on Judge Wilson's suggestion of periodically reporting to the Board of Supervisors. Truancy and bullying in schools as well as monitoring the implementation of AB-420 which severely limits schools' ability to suspend or expel a student for 'willful defiance' were three issues where the commission could play a role. Commissioners agreed that a strategic plan should be developed to cover at least the upcoming year. Commissioners were asked to think about who would be a good person to come in and help facilitate this process. This will be discussed during the December meeting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

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