

# Multi Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council



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## Minutes of February 25, 2016

Note Taker: Page Ludtke

Members in Attendance: Bill Damiano, Andres Castro, Mike Goldsby, Garry Eagles, Kevin Robinson, Stephen Watson, and Bill Daniel

Other Attendees: Jody Green, Jessica Watson, Connie Beck, Cole Vanwey, and Stephanie Weldon

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### **I. Call to Order and Introductions:**

Bill Damiano called the meeting to order at 4:01pm and initiated a round of self-introductions.

### **II. Adjustments Made to Agenda:**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

### **III. Public Comment:**

Bill Daniel talked about the court action blocking the Governor's sentencing initiative yesterday.

### **IV. Motion to Approve 8/27/15 Minutes:**

No additions, deletions, corrections or revisions were suggested.

Mike Goldsby moved to approve the minutes. Andres Castro seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the votes were as follows:

Aye: Bill Damiano, Andres Castro, Bill Daniel, Mike Goldsby, Stephen Watson

Nay: None

Abstain: Kim Bartleson

The motion was carried.

### **V. Program: Garry Eagles, Ph.D. education/mental health funding and program shifts**

Program is delayed until Garry Eagles arrives.

### **VI. Discussion/Action Items:**

#### **A. Youth Disparities Reduction Collaborative report out.**

Cole Vanwey made some comments and said they would be meeting quarterly. Bill Damiano said they would meet again in a month or two. There are not many kids in Juvenile Hall right now and no stats at this time. They will be hiring an Admin Analyst soon and that person will be working on this.

**B. Review/approve FY2016-17 JJCPA Plan**

Bill Damiano introduced the JJCPA Plan and gave some background. He discussed how the funding is used. Jody added information on department positions and their functions.

Mike Goldsby moved to approve the plan. Bill Daniel seconded the motion.

Bill Damiano answered questions about the PACT tool and assessments.

A vote was taken and the votes were as follows:

Aye: Bill Damiano, Andres Castro, Bill Daniel, Mike Goldsby, Stephen Watson, Kim Bartleson, and Kevin Robinson

Nay: None

Abstain: Garry Eagles

The motion was carried.

**V. Program: Garry Eagles, Ph.D. education/mental health funding and program shifts**

Garry passed out his handout titled, "A Look at California Assembly Bill 114: Transition of Special Education and Related Services Formerly Provided by County Mental Health Agencies". He discussed the programs and their shifts. He also talked about the history of mental health and special needs. There have been changes in the way funds are allocated. Right now they are serving 90 students in the county with special needs. The rate is higher in our county than elsewhere in the state, 19.3%. Garry talked about placements and placement costs, group homes, and the need for local options.

Stephanie Weldon discussed gaps and pooling resources. They are writing an RFP and want to collaborate.

Andres Castro asked if a Therapeutic Learning Center might be coming to the Eel River Valley and Garry's answer was yes, possibly at Loleta Elementary.

Jody Green talked about the IEP process and minors on probation.

Bill Damiano will add this to the next agenda to continue the discussion.

**VI. Discussion/Action Items (continued):**

**C. Review/approve FY2016-17 YOBG Plan**

Bill Damiano gave some background on the YOBG Plan and talked about how we have used this funding in the past, for the Regional Facility.

Garry Eagles moved to approve the plan. Mike Goldsby seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the plan was carried unanimously.

**D. Juvenile Hall construction update – Bill or Tim**

Bill Damiano announced that the Fire Marshall's office is finalizing the design. City easements are being looked at. It should go out to bid in May. Bill will bring the final design to the meeting when it's ready.

**VII. Agency Reports:**

**Stephen Watson** ~ He is concerned about gang issues. Bill Damiano will put this on the next agenda and asked agencies to look for grant availability.

**Kim Bartleson** ~ Kim gave an update on Judge rotations. Some court staff are arranging ride-alongs with EPD to see the start of the court process.

**Jody Green** ~ They are working on a juvenile record sealing procedure. They will be contacting the courts. This will be a busy year as there is lots going on.

**Bill Daniel** ~ The JJDPC is looking at data regarding expulsions and racial divides. They will be on KHSU through May. They are working with the League of Women Voters on March 16, and want to be involved with the upcoming gang discussions.

**Garry Eagles** ~ He addressed the gang issues, and questions whether it might be related to AB109.

**Stephanie Weldon** ~ There are shifts going on at DHHS. Barbara LaHaie is leaving. DHHS wants to be out in the community more. She talked about Therapeutic Foster Care, and having earlier team meetings. They are partnering with tribes regarding the suicide problem.

**Cole Vanwey** ~ JJDPC recently participated in strategic planning. Rachelle will be leaving HCTAYC for a new job with the state.

**Kevin Robinson** ~ He wants to be part of the record sealing discussion. Jody gave him some brief information on it.

**Andres Castro** ~ There are new focus meetings in Fortuna. There is also a new youth center. The Parent Project and Loving Solutions are going well in Spanish and English.

Jessica Watson ~ She reports she is glad to be here.

**IX: Date & Time for Next Meeting:**

Date & Time: **May 26, 2016 4:00-5:30 p.m.**  
Location: Humboldt County Courthouse, Conference Room A

**X. Adjournment:** 5:33pm