

# Multi Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council



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## Minutes of August 25, 2016

Note Taker: Page Ludtke

Members in Attendance: Bill Damiano, Garry Eagles, Sacha Marini, Jessica Watson, Stephen Watson, and Judge Christopher Wilson

Other Attendees: Jody Green, Joanne Carter, Jennifer Fairbanks, Connie Beck, Gillian Wadsworth, and Megan Gotcher

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

Bill Damiano called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and initiated a round of self-introductions.

### **II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA** (Inquiry of Attendees for additions/subtractions/changes for the current agenda)

There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Limited to three (3) minutes per person, per item)

There was no public comment at this time.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 5/26/16** (Inquiry of attendees for additions/subtractions/changes and approval of the minutes of the last meeting).

Garry Eagles moved to approve the minutes. Sacha Marini seconded the motion.

Sacha pointed out that her name was spelled wrong and she was listed as an “other attendee” instead of a “member in attendance”.

The minutes were approved unanimously with the above correction.

### **V. PROGRAM** (10-15minutes): Humboldt County Office of Education, Gillian Wadsworth, with an update on School Attendance Review Boards, Truancy Court, and Trauma-informed Practices in Schools.

Trauma-informed Practices - Gillian introduced her topic of and talked about a recent training. She explained the difficulties these children have in school and talked about positive and negative behaviors, and rewards and incentives. Their program is data driven to track results.

SARB – Gillian passed out Parent Project materials, and talked about families and Truancy Court. She introduced the new manual outlining the new procedures. She told the group about the Parent Project and which communities it’s available in.

Jennifer Fairbanks and Garry Eagles added more information and insight. Truancy prosecutions/diversions were discussed. Judge Wilson talked about the Court's view and their willingness to help.

**VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Membership Update – *Bill Damiano***

Bill reported that Connie Beck has an application to fill out. There are 6 other vacancies. We need community-based members if anyone has ideas. Andres has moved out of the area. Bill will send an invite to LatinoNet.

**B. Juvenile Hall Construction Update – *Bill Damiano***

Going to the Board of Supervisors on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The construction company has been identified. Bill hopes the project will take off in early October.

**VII. AGENCY REPORTS/ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OPEN TOPIC**

**Capt Stephen Watson** ~ No major gang issues since the last meeting but there are still concerns. There is still interest in a Gang Task Force. CalGang was discussed.

**Sacha Marini** ~ Fortuna Police Dept is interested in setting up diversions with Teen Court. Fortuna Middle School has also reached out. Eureka High School wants to send kids in lieu of suspensions.

**Jody Green** ~ Record sealings are going well although it's an odd and difficult process. Discussion ensued. A change in law regarding psychotropic meds to foster children could cause delays. New laws regarding group homes are coming soon.

**Joanne Carter** ~ She thanked the group saying that a Probation officer did a great job in getting a child to Washington.

**Judge Wilson** ~ A big turnover of Judges will be likely be coming within 18 months. For juveniles it will either be he or Joyce Hinrichs for the foreseeable future. He has been seeing lots of cases with babies born with drug addictions.

**Bill Damiano** ~ There are 59 602 wards; overall juvenile numbers are down. There are 10 in Juvenile Hall and 11 in the Regional Facility, with half being from out of county. We have some new, young, energetic staff.

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** To be determined.

If anyone has a future agenda item they would like discusses, please email them to Bill Damiano.

**IX. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting is November 17, 2016; and the next meeting would be on February 23, 2017.

Please note that the November meeting falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Closure.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.