



## HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

825 Fifth Street, Room 1A Eureka, California 95501

### (VIRTUAL MEETING BY ZOOM)

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### *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Oct 1, 2020 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:00 pm
- II. **ROLL CALL:** (3 min)
- III. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** (3 min)
- IV. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** (1 min)
- V. **COMMISSIONER INTROS, GUESTS, or SPEAKERS:** (10 min)
  - A. Humboldt County Human Trafficking Fund Fund recipient, Arcata Playhouse, presentation by Jacqueline Dandeneau.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (12 min)

*Recognition and introduction of guests and visitors. Public is invited to speak regarding matters **not** on the agenda. Comments will be limited to **three minutes**.*

*Pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act, Commission may not act on an item not appearing on the agenda.*

***If a member of the public speaks and requests assistance on a non-agenda subject, the Commission may not take any action or propose any solutions, but the citizen(s) may be given a resource card for contact information relevant to their issue, the citizen(s) may be given a complaint intake form for purposes of adding to a future agenda of the next regular HRC meeting, and finally an individual commissioner may speak to the citizen(s) apart from the meeting and recommend steps they might take.***

*Members of the public will each be allowed to speak on agenda items once during discussion, usually at the end of commissioner comments and prior to any action or vote by the commission. Time to speak will be closely monitored. (3 minutes per person)*

***Public is invited to speak regarding matters not on the agenda.*** Comments received by email will be presented by the Chair. If a comment is presented by ZOOM it will be limited to **three minutes**. Pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act, Commission may not act on an item not appearing on the agenda.

**To join the meeting Pursuant to the Brown Act.**

*The commission may not act on an item that does not appear on the agenda. The public will be allowed to address agenda items in these methods:*

1. To submit comments to the Commission please email [hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us). or with ZOOM submissions in Chat with agenda item number included.
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**VII. COMMISSIONER-COMMUNICATIONS:** (15 min)

**VIII. Emails, Regular Mail, Phone Calls:** (2 min)

*Report on emails, regular mail, and phone calls received by Commission.*

**IX. All other announcements and communications:** (10 min)

*Items should be brief and/or submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in agenda.*

X. **Message Line: (3 min)**

A. Current monitoring report (**DuBois**)

1. Oct 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_Larsen\_\_\_\_\_
2. Oct 16-31 \_\_\_\_\_DuBois\_\_\_\_\_
3. Nov 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_Davies\_\_\_\_\_
4. Nov 16-30 \_\_\_\_\_Miller\_\_\_\_\_
5. Dec 1-15\_\_\_\_\_
6. Dec 16-31\_\_\_\_\_
7. Jan 1-15\_\_\_\_\_
8. Jan 15-31\_\_\_\_\_

XI. **TREASURER'S REPORT: (2min) (Lyons)**

XII. **REPORTS: (30 min)**

**A. CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LIAISON**

*Volunteers to represent the HRC upon inmate requests to listen to their complaints / issues and to respond with appropriate actions or recommendations.*

*Programs Coordinator, Stefan Logie at 707-441-5137. If you are a "cleared" representative, you need no appointment to visit an inmate.*

1. Discussion / Possible Action  
**(Morgan)**

**B. HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND-STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. Discussion / Possible Action  
**(Morgan/DuBois).**

**C. SANCTUARY ORDINANCE-STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. Discussion / Possible Action  
**(DuBois)**

**D. KINDNESS-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Discussion / Possible Action  
**(Lyons)**

**E. RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Discussion / Possible Action  
**(Larson)**

**F. CITIZEN OBSERVER-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Discussion / Possible Action  
**(Morgan).**

**G. DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Committee expires  
Discussion / Possible Action  
**(Morgan)**

**H. HUMAN RIGHTS CANNABIS INQUIRY-AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. Update on Survey
2. Outreach opportunities  
Discussion / Possible Action  
**(DuBois)**

**I. LISTENING SESSIONS - AD HOC COMMITTEE**

1. November, host 3 sessions for 3 regions.
2. Key Leaders in each regions  
Discussion / Possible Action  
**(DuBois)**

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (15 min)**

- A. New Secretary  
**(DuBois)**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: (15 min)**

- A. Public Oversight and Public Advocacy  
**(DuBois)**
- B. Human Rights Form for Website  
**(DuBois)**

**XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (2 min)**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. *In-person meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available in the lot at 5th & K Streets directly below the access ramp of the Courthouse. If you are a person with a disability and need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in a meeting, please contact the HRC at 707-268-2548. Requests for such modification or accommodation must be made at least 72 hours before the start of the meeting. As officials appointed by a legislative body (Humboldt County Board of Supervisors), members of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HCHRC) have an obligation to understand, follow and abide by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) and to ensure that everything the HCHRC does is open and available to the public for review. It is important for the HCHRC and all commissioners to follow the intent of the law as well as any legal rulings. To that end, the HCHRC has adopted guidelines for the use of any technology, especially email. The entire email policy is available upon request.*

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**\*\*\*\*MORE INFORMATION BELOW FOR YOU  
REVIEW\*\***

August 18,  
2020

Dear: Humboldt County Supervisors, Humboldt County Behavioral Health  
Department,  
Humboldt County Human Rights  
Commission

First and foremost, I would like to thank our Civil Grand Jury's decisions and recommendations coming from their last session.

It is way beyond the time that our county build and put in place a new

up-to-date proper psychiatric facility. Hopefully, for cost and convenience sake, it can be built, placed, and associated within or very close to a standing 24-hour medical hospital.

I find it also very well needed that the County Patients' Rights Advocate has been recognized in importance and should be given full access to records, with a signed ROI, of clients in need along with being included in any and all meetings regarding client care, need, protections, service, procedures and practice. Also, a Patients' Rights Advocate's duties "should" include the obvious ability to assist and protect rights when the patient has become or is deemed incompetent with the ability to investigate rights violations before and after hospitalization. This need was also way overdue. Such Advocate, employed by the county, must have unfretted, unpressured and unprejudiced right to investigate, advocate, support and protect all clients in need of that office's services, period. Again, thank you Grand Jury!

Next, the regular common residents and clients of Humboldt County have little to no access to proper legal counsel or the legal procedure paperwork or documentation when it comes to protecting or litigating for their own human rights or violations thereof. I propose, in a very cost effective manner, a greater representation, documentation and recording of human rights needs and complaints and their presentation periodically to the County Board of Supervisors by expanding the office of the Humboldt Human Rights Commission to include Public Advocacy and to be renamed as such, "Humboldt County Human Rights Commission and Public Advocacy." This commission is made up by appointment from our different districts and is a volunteer position, a simple phone number could be listed to contact a rotating member of the commission to compile and record any such public concerns and represent these and the public at board meetings and city and town council meetings. This would go a long way in advancing and preserving all needed, recognized, just, and common human rights in our North Coast location.

We in Humboldt County, like other counties facing the COVID-19 crisis, police injustice, political bribery and corruption and entrenched racial and economic prejudice, need greater transparency with civil public involvement. I propose that a Citizen's

Oversight Committee made up of volunteers be instituted and put in place to be available for serious reviews of police and civil service and other departments

funded through taxpayers when any misconduct or malpractice by such is suspected. A civil service record should be kept up-to-date on all employees of our local government, subject to review by this independent committee.

If these suggestions are instituted by you, our representatives of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, they can only be of benefit to promoting transparency, clarity and better protection for our citizens.

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cc: Patients' Rights Advocate