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TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MENDOCINO COUNTY
FROM: MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
COMMISSION
SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT

**FOLLOWING IS A REPORT THAT DESCRIBES THE WORK DONE BY THE JUVENILE
JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION (JJDP) SINCE OUR LAST
REPORT IN MAY 2011.**

COMMISSION WORK SUMMARY FOR 2011:

- **CREATED NEW INSPECTION PROTOCOLS FOR GROUP HOMES.**
- **INSPECTED ALL THE GROUP HOMES IN THE COUNTY AND
GENERATED REPORTS.**
- **INSPECTED THE JUVENILE HALL.**
- **INITIATED WORK ON A JJDP WEB PAGE AS A LINK THROUGH
PROBATION.**
- **AS A RESULT OF OUR MENTORING FOCUS, ARE RE-EXAMINING
TEEN PEER COURT AS A VIABLE METHOD FOR RE-DIRECTING FIRST
TIME YOUTH OFFENDERS.**
- **CONTINUED EXPLORING VARIOUS APPROACHES TO MENTORING.**
- **RECRUITED TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS, ONE IS A NATIVE
AMERICAN AND ONE IS A YOUTH.**
- **REVISED AND DISTRIBUTED NEW HANDBOOKS.**
- **COLLABORATED WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO HELP YOUTH IN FOSTER
CARE AND YOUTH ON PROBATION GET THE SERVICES THEY NEED.**

NARRATIVE

**SINCE THE COMMISSIONS BEGAN WORK IN 2010-2011 ON THE MENTORING
PROJECT, WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT. JOHN AZZARO HAS ENERGETICALLY SPEARHEADED
THIS MOVEMENT AND WORKED HARD TO RESEARCH MENTORING POSSIBILITIES WITHIN
THE COMMUNITY. MANY MENTORING POSSIBILITIES STILL EXIST AND NOTHING HAS
BEEN RULED OUT.**

**WE ARE REVISITING TEEN PEER COURT AS ONE WAY TO MENTOR FIRST TIME
OFFENDERS. IT ENGAGES YOUTH IN THE LEGAL PROCESS AND ENLISTS THEIR HELP IN
DETERMINING HOW CASES WILL BE HANDLED. WE ARE APPROACHING THIS PROJECT
CAUTIOUSLY SINCE THERE HAS BEEN A HISTORY OF MISMANAGEMENT; HOWEVER**

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ARBOR ON MAIN (RCS) STAFF IS WILLING TO CONSIDER TAKING THIS PROJECT ON AS FAR AS RECRUITING, TRAINING AND MANAGING THE PROJECT WITH OUR SUPPORT AND THE RECEIPT OF SOME GRANT MONEY. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH DAWN TIPTON AND JEAN GLENTZER OF JUVENILE PROBATION REGARDING THIS PROJECT.

ANOTHER PROJECT AND YOUTH ACTIVITY IS DRUM CIRCLES. JOHN AZZARO PRODUCED TWO SUCCESSFUL DRUM CIRCLES IN JUVENILE HALL. BUCK GANTER WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THEM AS PART OF HIS PROGRAM. FREE MONTHLY DRUM CIRCLES ARE ALSO BEING OFFERED AT A LOCAL MUSIC SCHOOL. IT IS CLEAR THAT IF KIDS CAN BE ATTRACTED TO A DRUM CIRCLE, IT BECOMES A MEANS FOR THEM TO COMMUNICATE AND GET IN TOUCH WITH THEMSELVES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ADULTS WILL BEGIN ATTENDING AS WELL AND THEN THERE WOULD BE OPENINGS FOR INFORMAL MENTORING CONTACT. JOHN AND LAWRENCE LAZARO BELIEVE IN THIS PROJECT AND WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER IT AS A WAY TO ATTRACT YOUTH.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE JUDGE DAVID NELSON PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEETINGS. HE HAS PROVIDED WISDOM AND SUPPORT TO OUR WORK.

WE HAVE WRITTEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES FOR THE LOCAL PAPERS TO ACQUAINT THE PUBLIC WITH WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO IN AN EFFORT TO ATTRACT MORE COMMISSIONERS. THE DRUM CIRCLE MADE THE UDJ AND WAS PRAISED FOR ITS INNOVATION.

WE DID SUSTAIN SOME SETBACKS THIS YEAR WITH THE LOSS OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS AS A PRIMARY MENTORING ORGANIZATION AND THE LOSS OF TWO COMMISSIONERS. HOWEVER WE HAVE ENGAGED A CONSULTANT TO HELP US RE-GROUP AND ASSESS OUR EFFORTS IN MENTORING AND WE ARE RENEWING OUR ENERGIES IN RECRUITMENT.

GOALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR

- MAINTAIN FOCUS ON MENTORING AND SUPPORT MENTORING EFFORTS AT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS.
- PERFORM OUR INSPECTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER.
- RECRUIT NEW COMMISSIONERS.
- WORK CLOSELY WITH JUVENILE PROBATION, AND CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR YOUTH IN WHATEVER SETTING THEY FIND THEMSELVES.
- SUPPORT TEEN PEER COURT AS A VIABLE MENTORING OPTION AND DETERRENT FOR JUVENILE CRIME.
- CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUTH LED AND YOUTH FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS.
- SUPPORT PREVENTATIVE ACTIVITIES TO CURTAIL TRUANCY AND MEET WITH MCOE AND THE DA REGARDING THE SARB PROCESS.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL VISIT OUR MEETINGS WHEN YOU CAN IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO VISITORS.

SINCERELY,



LINDA C. CROCKETT, CHAIR