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FROM: J. Tyler McCauley *M. D. Antonovich for*  
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **GROUP HOME PROGRAM MONITORING REPORT – BOYS  
REPUBLIC, CHINO CAMPUS GROUP HOME**

We have completed a review of Chino Campus Group Home (Group Home or Agency) operated by Boys Republic. The Group Home contracts with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department (Probation).

Chino Campus Group Home is a 148-bed facility, which provides care for boys ages 13-17 years who exhibit behavioral, social, and emotional difficulties. At the time of the monitoring visit, Chino Campus Group Home was providing services for 47 Los Angeles County Probation children, 43 Riverside County Probation children, 19 Alameda County Probation children, nine Orange County children, eight Contra Costa County Probation children, eight Santa Clara County Probation children, eight San Francisco County Probation children, five San Luis Obispo County Probation children, five San Joaquin County Probation children, two San Bernardino County Probation children, two Ventura County Probation children, one San Mateo County Probation child, one Sacramento County Probation child, and one privately placed child.

Chino Campus Group Home is located in San Bernardino County.

**Scope of Review**

The purpose of the review is to determine whether the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. Additionally, the review covers basic child safety and licensing issues, and includes an evaluation of the Agency's Program Statement, internal policies and procedures, child case records, a facility inspection,

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and interviews with children placed in the Group Home at the time of the review. Interviews with children are designed to obtain their perspectives on the program services provided by the Agency, and to ensure adherence to the Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

### **Summary of Findings**

Generally, the Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. However, Chino Campus Group Home has deficient areas that need to be addressed.

Chino Campus Group Home needs to clean mildew from the faucets in the upstairs bathroom in Fowler cottage; provide additional lighting in Graves cottage, and repair the broken handle on the shower door in the bathroom; repair the shower leaks in Brewer cottage; repair/replace the broken bathroom sink counters in McCormick cottage, and clean all mold and mildew around tiles and on the walls in McCormick cottage; paint the walls in Laws cottage; clean the stove and oven in Boone cottage; repair the broken desk top in bedroom quad two in Hunt cottage; repair/replace all closet fixtures in Hunt, Boone, and Brewer cottages as needed; clean all children's bathrobes and linens as needed; develop comprehensive Needs and Services Plans that include long and short-term goals; and encourage and assist all children in creating and maintaining photo albums/life books.

Attached is a detailed report of the review.

### **Review of Report**

We discussed our report with the Agency's management. In response to the recommendations made in the report, the Agency's management completed a corrective action plan (attached) which we approved. We thank the management and staff for their cooperation during our review.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Mike Pirolo at (626) 293-1110.

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### **Attachments**

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Rate Classification Level: 5**

**I. Facility and Environment**

**Method of assessment – Observation**

**Comments:**

Chino Campus Group Home is located on a 200-acre farm and has an agricultural campus-like setting. The living quarters of this facility are divided into seven cottages and are dormitory style. The exterior of the Group Home is well maintained. The front and back yards are clean, and adequately landscaped.

Overall, the interior of the Group Home is well maintained. The common quarters are neat. There is adequate furniture in the Group Home. The Group Home provides a home-like environment. However, there are a few areas in need of improvement. In Fowler cottage, the upstairs bathroom faucet has mildew. In Graves cottage, there is insufficient lighting in the bathroom, and the handle is broken on the shower door. In Brewer cottage, the bathroom showers leak. In McCormick cottage, the sink counters are broken, and there is mold and mildew around the bathroom tile and on the walls. In Laws cottage, the bathroom wall has chipped and peeling paint. In Boone cottage, the stove and oven are dirty.

Children's bedrooms are orderly, and have age-appropriate personalized decorations. There is adequate furniture, and storage space. Window coverings and window screens are in good repair. The mattresses are comfortable, and the beds all have a full complement of linens. Children's sleeping arrangements are appropriate. However, there are a few areas where improvements are needed. In Hunt cottage, the desk tops in bedroom quad two are chipped, and throughout the cottage the closet doors have faded spots that are in need of refinishing. In Boone & Brewer cottages, the closet fixtures are old, stained, and broken. In Laws cottage, there is chipped and peeling paint on the walls. In Graves cottage, there is insufficient lighting in a number of bedrooms. In McCormick cottage, the children's bathrobes and some bed linens are dirty.

The Group Home maintains age appropriate and accessible recreational equipment. There are also board games, a TV, and a DVD player. Books and resource materials, including a computer with a variety of programs, are also available.

The Group Home maintains a sufficient supply of perishable and non perishable foods.

## **Recommendations**

### **1. Boys Republic management:**

- a. Clean the mildew from the faucets in the Fowler cottage bathroom.
- b. Provide additional lighting in the bedrooms in Graves cottage as needed, and repair the broken shower door handle in the bathroom.
- c. Repair the shower leaks in Brewer cottage.
- d. Repair/replace the broken bathroom sink counters in McCormick cottage, and clean all mold and mildew around tiles and on the bathroom walls.
- e. Paint the walls in Laws cottage that have chipped and peeling paint.
- f. Clean the stove and oven in Boone cottage.
- g. Repair the broken desk tops in bedroom quad two in Hunt cottage.
- h. Repair/replace all closet fixtures in Hunt, Boone, and Brewer cottages as needed.
- i. Clean children's bathrobes and linens as needed.

## **II. Program Services**

**Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews**

**Sample size for interviews: Six**

### **Comments:**

Children meet the Group Home's population criteria as outlined in their Program Statement. Children are assessed for needed services within thirty days of placement.

The treatment team develops and implements the Needs and Services Plans (NSPs) with input from the child. The NSPs are current; however, the NSPs are not comprehensive, and do not include long and short-term goals.

Case files reflect adequate documentation to show that children are receiving treatment services as identified in their NSPs.

**Recommendation**

2. Boys Republic management develop comprehensive Needs and Services Plans that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time limited, and include long and short-term goals.

**III. Educational and Emancipation Services**

**Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews**

**Sample size for interviews: Six**

**Comments:**

Children are attending school. Children are provided with educational support and resources to meet their educational needs, and are progressing satisfactorily in school. The Group Home's program includes the development of children's daily living, self-help, and survival skills.

Children are provided with opportunities to participate in emancipation and vocational programs as appropriate.

**Recommendations**

**There are no recommendations for this section.**

**IV. Recreation and Activities**

**Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews**

**Sample size for interviews: Six**

**Comments:**

The Group Home provides children with sufficient recreational activities, and leisure time. Children are given opportunities to participate in planning activities.

Children are allowed to participate in extra-curricular, enrichment, and social activities in which they have an interest.

The Group Home provides transportation to and from the activities.

**Recommendations**

There are no recommendations for this section.

**V. Psychotropic Medication**

**Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents**

**Comments:**

Children have current court authorizations for psychotropic medication. Documentation confirms that children are routinely seen by the prescribing psychiatrist.

Children are informed about their psychotropic medication, and are aware of their right to refuse medication.

Medication distribution logs are properly maintained.

**Recommendations**

There are no recommendations for this section.

**VI. Personal Rights**

**Method of assessment –Interviews with children**

**Sample size for interviews: Six**

**Comments:**

Children are informed about the Group Home's policies and procedures. Children report that they feel safe in the Group Home, and are provided with appropriate staff supervision. Children express satisfaction with the quality of their interactions with staff, and report that staff treats them with respect and dignity.

Children report that they are assigned chores that are reasonable and not too demanding. Children are allowed to have private visitors, to make and receive personal telephone calls, and to send and receive unopened correspondence and mail. Children are able to attend religious services of their choice.

Children report that the discipline policies are consistently enforced and that there are fair and appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.

Children report satisfaction with meals and snacks.

Children receive voluntary medical, dental, and psychiatric care.

**Recommendations**

There are no recommendations for this section.

**VII. Clothing and Allowance**

**Method of assessment – Review of relevant documents and interviews**

**Sample size for interviews: Six**

**Comments:**

The Group Home provides appropriate clothing, items of necessity, and the required \$50 monthly clothing allowance to children. Children are given opportunities to select their own clothes. Clothing provided to children is of good quality and of sufficient quantity.

The Group Home provides children with the required minimum base allowance. Children are permitted to spend their allowances as they choose.

The Group Home provides children with adequate personal care items.

Children are not encouraged or assisted in creating and maintaining photo albums/life books.

**Recommendation**

- 3. Boys Republic management encourage and assist all children in creating and maintaining photo albums/life books.**

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**Boys  
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July 31, 2005

Dear Carla,

Consistent with your instruction pertaining to the group home monitoring report completed by the Auditor Controller's Office on June 21, 2005 for the Boys Republic – **Chino Campus**, we have made the identified corrections and implemented a Corrective Action Plan as follows.

1. The complete interior of Laws cottage has been painted. Residence staff will also regularly inspect for needed painting.
2. The shower leaks within Brewer cottage have been repaired. Cottage staff will continue to turn in work orders as other maintenance issues arise.
3. The faucets have been replaced in the upstairs of Fowler cottage. Cottage staff will monitor the ongoing cleaning of the entire cottage to prevent the build-up of mildew.
4. The handle on the shower door in Graves cottage has been replaced and adequate lighting provided. Cottage staff will continue to turn in work orders as other maintenance issues arise.
5. The upstairs bathrooms in McCormick cottage will have the sink countertops replaced in the same fashion as the repair in the lower bathroom. All mold and mildew has been removed and the cottage is scheduled for repainting. Cottage staff will continue to turn in work orders as other maintenance issues arise.
6. The damaged desk top in Hunt cottage has been replaced. All closets in Brewer, Hunt and Boone have been repaired, re-stained or are scheduled for replacement by the new lockers manufactured on campus. Cottage staff will continue to turn in work orders as other maintenance issues arise.
7. Students have been instructed in the maintenance of proper hygiene on their bathrobes and linens. Cottage staff will monitor for adherence to this expectation. In addition, a structured photo album creation activity has been implemented on a rotational basis for all of the students.
8. Needs and Services Plans have been augmented and are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-limited with both long and short-term goals. Unit Supervisors are responsible for the implementing the changes with the Treatment Directors and Associate Director responsible for ensuring continuing adherence.

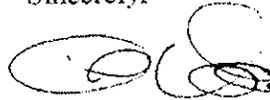


*-Benjamin Disraeli*

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We are grateful for the visit and express appreciation for the recommendations made. Belinda's demeanor is truly collaborative and we welcome her visit at any time. It is helpful to have an outsider walk through our facility and view things we perhaps fail to notice in our day-to-day work environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Burns". The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Chris Burns  
Associate Director