



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JULY 11, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services
Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Service Staff

APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren, and unanimously carried, the minutes of June 27, 2007 were approved, with the following changes:

- On Page 3, under Performance Measures for Out of Home Care Programs CY 2006, change “wellbeing data” to “*Well Being data*”...
- On Page 3, the title “Directive Form Probation Department” should be changed to “*Directive From Probation Department*”...

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on 3 articles:

- “Accused Killer Called Fit To Share Jail Cell”, Los Angeles Times, June 30, 2007, regarding a mentally disturbed state prison inmate who was transferred to a Los Angeles County jail. The inmate is a convicted killer with a bipolar disorder and had a history of killing other inmates. He strangled another inmate shortly after being transferred to the Los Angeles County jail.
- “County’s Care of Children Blasted”, The Daily Breeze, June 30, 2007, regarding a civil grand jury criticizing County Departments for failing to fund an abuse-prevention program. The report shows that the cases of abused children being killed have more than tripled.
- “Molina Urges Making Suit Settlements Public”, Los Angeles Times, July 11, 2007, regarding Supervisor Molina’s proposal to make public access to legal settlement memos. The article focused on legal memos documenting the alleged negligence and abuse of foster children.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund currently is \$1,173.50.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- The Scholarship Awards Presentation is scheduled for July 31, 2007. Invitations were sent out to all 5 Deputies, Sachi Hamai, Executive Officer, Robin Guerrero, Deputy Executive Officer, and Jennifer Lehman, Deputy County Counsel. The Commission has received RSVP’s.
- The Audit Committee meeting is on July 19, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 525.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION QUARTERLY REPORT FOR APRIL – JUNE 2007

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and unanimously carried the Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly Report for April – June 2007 was approved with the following change on page 2, under Sheriff's Department/Court lock-ups, the "*Barry J. Nidorff Juvenile Hall*" should be moved to under the Probation Department....

CORRESPONDENCE

The Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury Final Report for 2006-2007 was received.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JUNE 27 TO JULY 10, 2007

Optimist Youth Home – 46, #3 - Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on June 14, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Group home needs to take their clients on outings.

Olive Crest Treatment Center – 44, #4- Commissioners Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on June 28, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Assistance with transitional housing is needed from the Department of Children and Family Services; carpet needs to be replaced.

Positive Path Youth Development Center- 52, #3- Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on July 2, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: First Aid kit needs restocking.

Jean Lores Group Home – 33, #3 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on July 3, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

San Gabriel Children's Center – 55, #3 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

This facility was visited on July 3, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Air conditioner needs to be repaired; bedrooms are messy.

San Gabriel Children's Center – 55, #5 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

This facility was visited on July 3, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Need activity log; bedroom carpeting needs to be cleaned.

Allen's Teen Care – 2, #5 – Commissioner Montaña

This facility was visited on July 5, 2007, and no one was home.

United Care Inc – 64, #4 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on July 9, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Entrance rug needs to be fixed.

Deliann Lucile Corporation – 15, #4 – Commissioner Montaña

This facility was visited on July 10, 2007, and no one was home.

Street Academy I – 60, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

This facility was visited on July 10, 2007, and no one was home.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cannella presented the following newspaper article:

- “County Abuses Abused Children”, Los Angeles Daily News, July 11, 2007, regarding how a civil grand jury criticized County Departments for failing to fund an abuse-prevention program. The report shows that the cases of abused children being killed have more than tripled.

Commissioner Moore reported the following:

- The Commission would like to invite the Internal Services Department representatives who are working with the “Youth Development Mentors Program” to the Sybil Brand Commission Business Meeting on August 15, 2007.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

The Sybil Brand Commission Holiday Reception.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting in memory of Lourdes Montejano at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division