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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JANUARY 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

ATTENDANCE

Present

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

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services
Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 2, 2008 were approved, with the following changes:

- On page 2, under Chair's Report, 2nd paragraph, change: "Camp Hilton Probation Officers" to "Camp *Holton* Probation Officers"...
- On page 3, under Facility Inspection Reports from December 12, 2007 to January 1, 2008, Rosemary Children's Services, 54, #3, change: "inspections have been corrected" to "inspections *are being* corrected"...

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on two (2) articles:

- "Abusers Thrive In Nation's Schools", Daily Breeze, October 21, 2007, regarding sexual misconduct by teachers towards their students and the lack of disciplinary action.
- "County To Investigate Campus Raid", Los Angeles Times, January 9, 2008, regarding the Board of Supervisors' investigation into how the Sheriff's Department conducted a narcotics search operation at Los Angeles Trade Tech College in which thirty-three (33) minority students were detained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$403.17.

STAFF REPORT

- Ms. Davis presented a donation check from the High Desert Hunt Club to the Commission in the amount of \$100.00 in honor of Commissioner Hammargren
- Ms. Davis received an email from Mr. Frank Imperial, Probation Department regarding the Probation Department's non-payments to a group home. Mr. Imperial reported that his Department is conducting an investigation and he would respond to the Commission when he received more information.

On motion of Commissioner Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, Commission staff will draft a letter to Mr. Robert Taylor, Director, Probation Department regarding the process of payments to group homes.

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2008

After discussion, the Commission agreed to add the following:

- Evaluate and modify Inspection Reporting Forms to ensure that inspections address current concerns and issues affecting group homes and jail facilities.

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION WEBSITE

An online visual presentation of the Sybil Brand Commission website was shown to the Commission. Hard copies of the website were also distributed to the Commission. After discussion, the Commission agreed they would like to enhance the Website to provide the public with valuable information and resources.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore received letters of appreciation from the Community Youth & Sports Arts Foundation Group Home for their generous donation of bedding and linens.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JANUARY 2 TO JANUARY 8, 2008

Community Youth Sports & Arts – 12, #3 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on December 13, 2007, and found to be in poor condition.

Areas of Concern: The rooms were poorly decorated; two (2) burners on the stove do not work; kitchen is poorly stocked with food; building is not well-heated; beds are poorly furnished; no quick-release bars on windows; smoke detectors need to be fixed; facility has no Community Van; new paint and curtains needed; evacuation drills are not posted; one child is undocumented and needs a Medi-Care card.

Boys & Girls Town (Flanagan #1) – 24, #5 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on December 18, 2007 and no one was home.

Boys & Girls Town (Flanagan #2) – 25, #1 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on December 18, 2007 and no one was home.

GLASS Home (Charles Pierce) – 25, #5 - Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on December 20, 2007 and found to be in excellent condition.

Fleming & Barne Dimondale Adolescent #4– 23, #3 Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on January 3, 2008 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Trash in back yard needs to be removed.

Fleming & Barne Dimondale Adolescent #1 – 23, #5 – Chair Montaña

The facility was visited on January 4, 2008 and no one was home.

Family Solutions #4 – 20, #2 – Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on January 7, 2008, and no one was home.

Moore's Cottage – 40, #5 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on January 7, 2008, and no one was home.

Boys & Girls Town (Flanagan #1) – 24, #5 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on January 8, 2008, and no one was home.

Boys & Girls Town (Flanagan #2) – 25, #1 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on January 8, 2008, and no one was home.

Fleming & Barne Dimondale Adolescent #3 – 23, #2 – Commissioners Hammargen & Montaña

The facility was visited on January 8, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Tri-Community Outreach - Commissioners Bacio, Hall & Moore

The facility was visited on January 8, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Children were undisciplined; Commissioners recommend periodic visits from the Probation Department.

Vice Chair Stathatos visited the Rosemary Children's Facility Corporate Office on January 8, 2008 and spoke to the Executive Director. Following discussion, the staff at Rosemary Children's Facilities agreed to begin taking youths to the market and instructing them on eating a proper diet, this is in conjunction with the frozen foods contract delivery.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hall reminded the Commission of the "Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day", scheduled on February 17, 2008 at the West Angeles Cathedral, 3600 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles.

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

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division