



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
<http://sbc.lacounty.gov>**

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (17-2949)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (17-2875)

Chairperson Bhatia called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Chairperson Bhatia led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Chairperson Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Pauline Bullock

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff Present: Cesar Hernandez and Roy Sinclair. (17-2952)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the June 7, 2017 Minutes. (17-2876)

On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran, III, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (17-2877)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of June 2017.

There were a total of 10 Hotline Requests for Assistance Calls and there were a total of 11 Outreach visits.

3. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). (17-2878)

Edyth Yates Redmond, Program Manager, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the month of May 2017 there were a total of 799 Absent Without Leave (AWOL) and the child abuse hotline received a total of 18 referrals in the following categories:

- 2 General Neglect**
- 5 Sexual Abuse**
- 11 Physical Abuse**

During the same reporting period 18 investigations were completed in the following categories:

- 4 General Neglect**
- 3 Physical Abuse**
- 7 Sexual Abuse**
- 4 Exploitation (CSEC)**

During the same reporting period 18 referrals were closed for the following reasons:

- 10 Inconclusive**
- 3 Evaluated Out**
- 2 Unfounded**
- 3 Substantiated**

Ms. Redmond also reported that during the month of May 2017 no group homes were placed on an Investigative Hold.

4. Internal Services Department (ISD). (17-2879)

There was no report presented.

5. Probation Department (PD). (17-2880)

Ms. Mikesha Taylor, Program Analyst, PD, provided the status of group home AWOLs during the month of May 2017 as follows:

There were 115 AWOLs involving 94 youth; 19 youth AWOLed more than once.

- **47 Remain AWOL**
- **32 Returned to group homes**
- **12 Placed in Juvenile Hall**
- **2 Home on Probation**
- **1 Jurisdiction terminated**

Ms. Taylor also reported that there were 12 CSEC AWOLs involving 10 youth.

- **4 Remain AWOL**
- **6 Returned to group homes**

Ms. Taylor concluded by reporting that there were three full investigations in May 2017; two findings were unfounded (Penny Lane and Crittenton - General Neglect) and one (Eggleston: West Covina - General Neglect) is pending investigation. There were no follow-up investigations in May 2017.

6. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (17-2881)

Ms. Barbara Phillips, OIG, reported that the OIG's quarterly report is near completion, and that she will provide a copy of the report once it is completed.

7. Sheriff's Department (SD). (17-2882)

Sergeant April Carter, LASD, provided updates to the Commission's inquiries during the May 2017 SBC Business meeting regarding inmates at Men's Central Jail, Twin Towers Correctional Facility and Century Regional Detention Facility EBI programs and also access to the Law Library. She also provided clarification on how medications are stored and administered (Auto-Med: Computer dispensed).

III. COMMISSION REPORTS

8. Chairperson's Report on various items. (17-2883)

Chairperson Bhatia reported that the SBC will award scholarships to two deserving students on July 11, 2017, during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

9. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (17-2884)

Staff reported that Brian Williams, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (SCOC), has accepted the SBC's invitation to present on the SCOC's duties and responsibilities, and will attend the SBC's July 5, 2017 meeting.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (17-2885)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of June 7, 2017. (17-2886)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bhatia adjourned the meeting of June 21, 2017 at 11:10 a.m.