



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

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Wednesday, January 18, 2023

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (23-0958)

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Call to Order and Roll Call. (23-0249)

Chairperson Mark – Anthony Clayton Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

I. REPORTS

1. LASD (Commander Hugo Macias, and Mr. Dale Turner). (23-0250)
 - Roll Call
 - JMET transfer decision making process
 - Use of Force tracking with people with mental illness
 - Overcrowded dorms: capacity rules and guidelines
 - Discipline of incarcerated people with mental illness and “walkout” policy
 - Safety and health concerns for people held in 4300 in Men’s Central Jail
 - Update and discussion on the food distribution timeline gaps between Food Services and the LASD

LASD Staff: Commander Hugo Macias, Sargent Roger Short and Mr. Dale Turner

Commander Macias provided an overview of the Jail Mental Evaluation Team, JMET stating that there are three JMET teams. One at the North end, one in the basin area that encompasses the Inmate Reception Center (IRC), Twin Towers and MCJ, and another at CRDF and are comprised of a Deputy accompanied by a Clinician or Psychiatrist. Their purpose is to identify anyone who may need psychiatric attention, they are summoned to the area and assist with transfers. The Department of Mental Health, DMH determines whether or not someone is transferred and who goes to 2100.

A discussion followed pertaining to an incident at MCJ, December 2022 that raised the question of whether or not everything that could be done was done to prevent the use of force during a transfer. Commander Macias stated that the LASD uses every resource available to deescalate, prevent liability, and or injury to any individual, patient or staff and mitigate any injury to by standards. Also, that the LASD is in the process of expanding their mental health services, making sure they have clinical space and suitable clinical staff to address mental health needs. He also stated that the LASD tracks all use of force incidents. And that there are designated staff at 5,000 to address this type of incident. Commander Macias also discussed funding, staffing, and the reinstatement of staffing. He referred budget questions to the CEOs office. And stated that medical and psychiatric needs oversee any disciplinary concerns. Medical concerns were deferred to Dr. Henderson and Dr. Belavich. And informed the SBC that the inquiry regarding the use of force at 4300 was forwarded to the respective Captain for follow up.

Commissioner Dr. Grills proposed a Special meeting with the LASD to discuss a post procedure review on the December incident to identify action steps that can occur, resources and redefining Mental Health issues. The SBC expressed concerns as it relates to Title 24, dorm capacity and triple bunking at Pitches North and MCJ.

Mr. Dale Turner of Food Services stated that they have recently received a senior deputy to liaison between food services and custody. He clarified that custody handles the distribution of the food. And invited the SBC to join him on a walkthrough of their process.

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2. Office of the Inspector General, OIG (Mr. Cathy Wright, Assistant Inspector General and Ms. Megan Brownlee). (23-0251)
 - Update on the OIGs Quarterly Report

There was no report.

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3. Department of Correctional Health Services (Dr. Sean Henderson). (23-0252)
- COVID Numbers: Testing positive, population in quarantine, YTD by facility.
 - Monkeypox Numbers: Testing positive.
 - Flu numbers: Testing positive
 - Number of deaths while incarcerated
 - Medication Assisted Therapy
 - Program capacity
 - Protocols for medical supervision of detoxification

Dr. Henderson reported that 128 people have tested positive for COVID and they have swabbed 2,981 people. Their peak was December 15 and have seen a gentle decline since then. 1,338 are patients in quarantine. Monkey pox is basically gone. 74 possible cases, four people had a rash or symptom 7 tested positive and 5 came from the outside. They gave 1,000 vaccines. And reported that they do not test for the flu. They test for covid first and then are isolated. There have been two deaths while in custody, one a suicide and the other cause of death is unknown. He reported that the medication assisted therapy (MAT) program capacity has been set for 1,500. And they have identified about 10% of persons will be eligible. He also stated that Opioid dependency doesn't have the strict protocols that alcohol and benzodiazepines have because it doesn't usually present a threat to life. But will get everyone they can into the MAT program. If someone is having a difficult time, they can be kept in the detox area. He addressed quarantine as it relates to court dates. And lastly mentioned that ORCHID is the electronic health record, and that the workflow revolves around it.

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4. Department of Health Services and Mental Health Services in the Jails and Lock up facilities (Dr. Timothy Belavich). (23-0253)
- Update on the Online Real-time Centralized Health Information System (ORCHID) / Electronic Health Record
 - Flex up of the Secondary Assessment Units in Twin Towers (TT)
 - Doctor/patient ratio and visitation frequency by discipline inside/outside Correctional Treatment Center (CTC)
 - CRDF - Discharge and release process for people designated having mental health disability

There was no report.

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5. Civilian Oversight Commission, COC announcements and upcoming meetings (Mr. Erick Montalban and COC Commissioner Luis Garcia). (23-0254)

Mr. Erick Montalban, COC announced their upcoming meeting on Conditions of Confinement and Street Takeovers. And that the only items that will affect the SBC is the revamping of their ad hoc committees, specifically one that will encompass jails. And invited the SBC to attend any of the Ad Hoc meetings. He reported that the COC is working on a report that covers the seven special hearings on deputy gangs that should be ready by next month. Lastly, Mr. Montalban thanked Chairperson Clayton Johnson and Commissioner Dr. Grills for the participation at the 1/19/2023 COC hearing.

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6. Chairperson's Report
Update on the Boards motion, Inmate Welfare Funds (IWF) and Education Based Programming (EBI) survey, Commissioner Dr. Grills. (23-0255)

Commissioner Dr. Grills reported that the draft report was sent to everyone for review. And asked that any corrections, edits, or feedback be sent to her by end of week.

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7. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (23-0256)

Staff announced that in person meetings will resume in March, details to follow. And the following member of the public provided public comment: Chris

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 21, 2022. (23-0261)

On motion of Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, seconded by Commissioner Eric Miller this item was moved to the SBC February 1, 2023, meeting with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

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- 9.** Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 4, 2023. (23-0262)

On motion of Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, seconded by Commissioner Eric Miller, this item was approved as amended with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Bob Frutos

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III. 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. (23-0264)

There were no public comments.

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Adjournment

- 11. Adjournment for the Meeting of January 18, 2023. (23-0265)**

Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.