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Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **OCTOBER 28, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

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

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall (arrived at 10:43 a.m.)
John A. Hammargren
Anne S. Hill

Guest

Cassandra Youngblood

Staff

Lee Millen
Nyla Jefferson

Absence

Carl Moore

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammagren, seconded by Commissioner Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2009 were approved with the following corrections:

On page 1, under heading **OPENING CEREMONIES** Chairperson Montaña led in
On page 2, under heading **Sheriff's Department:** First sentence should read...visited the LA County Medical Center Jail Ward....

Same page, under **Probation Department:** First bullet, should read Dorothy *Kirby* Center....

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña reported the following:

- Attended the funeral ceremony of Rudy De Leon, LAPD, who was a Captain of LAPD's Hollenbeck Division.
- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 24th, of the new Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters on First Street.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported a check was given to Vito Cannella in the amount of \$100 for the Tierra Del Sol Scholarship Program. The current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,506.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Chairperson Montaña and Vice Chairperson Bacio will visit La Imperial Restaurant today to select the menu and place a deposit for the December 9, 2009 Holiday Gathering; to be discussed next week for Commission approval.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM October 21, 2009 TO OCTOBER 27, 2009

Drice Group Home – 15, #3 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facilities were visited on October 22, 2009, but unable to inspect; the home is no longer being utilized as a Group Home.

Luvlee's Residential Care – 29, #1 – Commissioner Hammagren The facility was visited on October 26, 2009; but unable to inspect; no one was home.

T&T Home for Boys – 44, #3 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on October 26, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** There were three Needs and Services Plans that were not updated.

Mozell Pennington Boy's Center – 31, #2 – Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Hammagren The facility was visited on October 27, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. There was zero occupancy.

Star View Group Home – 44, #2 – Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on October 27, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Commissioner Hammagren expressed his concerns to Cassandra Youngblood, Ombudsman, Auditor-Controller, regarding foster children not having their health and education passbook with them when changing from Group Home to Group Home. Ms. Youngblood shared her experience assisting a soon to be emancipated 17 year old young man seek admission to The Way In (transitional housing); it can be a lengthy and complicated process, and Children Social Workers are responsible for formulating a Plan for Transition. The minor is currently in a Group Home and she will follow-up on this case.

Chairperson Montaña expressed her appreciation for Ms. Youngblood's interest in the Commission and the young people she serves.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

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

Lee Millen, Commission Staff reminded the Commission that Wednesday, November 11, 2009 is Veterans Day and county offices will be closed to observe the holiday. The Commission will conduct facility inspections that day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.