



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTHLY
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

10:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Montaño, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Hammargren and Commissioner Moore

Excused: Commissioner Hill

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaño. (11-0828)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the February 9, 2011 Minutes. (11-0829)

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio, unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2011 were approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on various items. (11-0830)

Reviewed Los Angeles Times Newspaper articles:

- Lohan's Tiresome Act, LA Times (2/14/2011)
- Suit Against L.A. Sheriff Advances, LA Times (2/12/2011)
- Compassion was Officer's Law, Daily Breeze (2/14/2011)

Chairperson Montaño, read a letter from Patrick Ogawa, Chief Deputy, Board of Supervisors, appointing Angie Montes as Chief, Commission

Services, and instructed staff to write a congratulatory letter to be signed by Chairperson Montaña.

4. Treasurer's Report for February 16, 2011. (11-0831)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$621.09.

5. DISCUSSION ON SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION 2011 SCHOLARSHIP (11-0834)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the Sybil Brand Commission Annual Scholarship award amount is \$300 per recipient, and encouraged the departmental representatives in attendance to find and nominate qualified individuals for scholarship awards.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Department of Auditor-Controller
Department of Children and Family Services
Community Care Licensing
Internal Services Department
Department of Mental Health
Probation Department
Sheriff's Department (11-0832)

Auditor-Controller's Office

Cassandra Youngblood, Auditor-Controller, reported that since the last Business Meeting, the department (Ombudsman Office) visited 18 Group Homes.

Department of Children and Family Services

Elizabeth Howard, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), reported on referrals received from January 18 – February 15, 2011. There were 21 referrals: 4 were from general neglect – 1 evaluated out, and 3 pending; 8 were from physical abuse – 3 evaluated out, 3 pending and 2 unfounded; and 9 were from sexual abuse – 5 evaluated out and 4 pending. There were 440 runaways. Also reported was the Runaway Adolescent Project (RAP) directed by Eric Ball. When a youth runs away, Mr. Ball is alerted by various agencies using I-Trac; this process enables him to locate the runaways faster.

Dorothy Channel, DCFS, reported that all 3 Group Homes (Fleming and

Barnes (2)/Diamond Dale (1) have been placed on hold for corrective actions. In response to Commissioner Hall, DCFS, Probation Department and Community Care Licensing are not responsible for selecting Group Home therapist. The Program Statement Criteria guidelines are used for hiring which address background and education. Sometimes, additional education is needed to assist therapist in completing the Needs and Services Plans.

Community Care Licensing

There was no representation.

Sheriff's Department

Captain Warren Asmus, Sheriff's Department, reported the following:

- Renovation to the kitchen in Lomita Sheriff Station is near completion;
- The Pasadena Courthouse isolation cell construction is almost completed and will schedule a commission tour of the facility in the near future;
- Reflective tape is now in nearly all courts; and
- A meeting is scheduled in February 2011 to finalize the design changes to the lock-up cells at the Long Beach Courthouse.

Deputy Kael, Sheriff's Department, reported that in an effort to uniform record keeping the Station Jail Manuals are incorporated into Custody Jail Manuals. Deputy Kael distributed the "Inmate Assault on Staff Report". Commissioner Bigby asked if the commission could receive a copy of the Sheriff's Department "Use of Force Report" at the SBC monthly Business meetings.

Mental Health Department

There was no representation.

Internal Services Department

Michael Henderson, Internal Services Department, reported that there was a performance incident at Central Juvenile Hall, the boiler stopped working (lack of heating); a temporary boiler was installed. This incident affected the hot water in the laundry room and kitchen, staff is working to resolve this issue.

Probation Department

Pamela Pease, Probation Department (PD), reported on the incident at Diamond Dale Group Home and stated a corrective action meeting is scheduled in February 2011. There were 80 runaways involving 74 youth: 46 remain AWOL, 14 returned to Group Homes, 10 were placed in juvenile hall, and 4 placed in camps. There were 2 referrals: 1 under investigation and 1 unfounded. There were 10 Group Homes under investigation: 4 were substantiated, 2 unfounded, and 4 are under investigation. On the Probation Department website there are 3 Group Home Compliance Monitoring Reports and anticipating 6 more additions soon. By the end of the year, there may be 2 adoptions and 1 permanency.

Michael Varela, PD, informed the Commission that the Probation Department is working with youth by providing improved educational programs like college courses. Also every week, a different person /department has conducted an audit which is changing the culture to be more responsive and supportive of the youth. The Department of Justice is at every camp. Commissioner Hall asked that Mr. Varela to obtain suicide kits for each of the camps that readily accessible.

- 7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from February 10, 2011 to February 16, 2011. (11-0833)**

Dream Home Care, Inc. #3 – 14, #1 - Chairperson Montaño The facility was visited on February 15, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dream Home Care, Inc. #1 – 13, #4 – Chairperson Montaño The facility was visited on February 14, 2011, however, the facility was not inspected, as no one was home.

Children Are Our Future (Chatsworth House) – 7, #4 - Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on February 11, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: The following needs to be repaired or replaced: Bathroom #1, repair hot and cold water faucet, and paint all baseboard, and patch access wall to plumbing and clean the dresser tops; install closet door; Bedroom #1, closet door, clean carpet and paint the room, need attic door and molding replaced; Bedroom #2, inside closet needs to be painted, fix hole in wall two mattress, blinds, window screen and closet door, bedroom door off hinges; and kitchen oven and dishwasher needs to be replaced. Fix laundry room door and

door jams, and rail in hallway. Commissioner Bigby will re-visit the facility in 30-days for a follow-up investigation regarding Corrective Action Plan.

Rosemary Children's Service – 36, #4 – Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on February 15, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

San Gabriel Children's Center (Transitional Living 2) – 38, #3 - Commissioner Hammargren and Vice Chairperson Bacio The facility was visited on February 10, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Repair leak under kitchen sink and clean behind the dryer, stairwell, shower/tub and H/Vac filter and replace cupboard door. The Commissioners will re-visit the facility in 30 days.

West Covina Superior Court - Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Hammargren The facility was visited on February 14, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dangerfield Group Home #1 – 10, #4 - Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on January 20, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Needs and Services Plan not on premises.

O'Conner & Atkins Home (Bizmark Boys Home) – 29, #3 - Commissioner Mooren The facility was visited on January 26, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dream Catcher Foundation #1 – 13, #3 - Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on January 27, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Needs and Services Plan not on premises.

Little People World #3 – 25, #2 - Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on January 28, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Need to install closet door in Bedroom #1, and address bathroom odor issue. Staff of Little People World #3 will fax copies of clients clothing spending allowance and the facility's fire drill log to the Commission.

Junior Blind of America – 24, #2 - Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on February 1, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory

condition.

Washington Hancock Home for Girls – 44, #2 - Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on February 3, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

You are the Difference Foundation #2 – 45, #2 - Commissioner Moore The facility was visited on February 10, 2011, however, the facility was not inspected, as no one was home.

Fred Jefferson Memorial Home – 19, #1 - Commissioners Hall and Moore The facility was visited on February 15, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: The beds need to be made up and the bathroom needs cleaning. Also, the Commissioners noticed additional bathrooms were being constructed at the facility.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

Commissioner Hall distributed a letter from Holy Helping Hands Foundation, inviting persons to participate in the “Read Across America” annual event, to be held Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Longfellow Elementary School in the City of Compton. The event celebrates the birthday and writings of famous author, Dr. Seuss.

8. **Items not posted on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission.**

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.**

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

Adjournment

10. **Adjournment for the meeting of February 16, 2011.**

**The meeting adjourned in memory of Long Beach Police Officer David A. Garcia,
at 12:12 p.m.**

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held February 16, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

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