



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
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Wednesday, February 19, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0894)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills, Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa, Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell (14-0895)

Call to Order. (14-0782)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the February 12, 2014 Minutes. (14-0783)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 12, 2014 were approved as amended.

On page 3, item number 7, bullet 3, 4, & 5 should read:

- **Commissioner Andrews visited Pitchess Detention Center - North Facility County Correctional Facility on February 11, 2014.**

- **Commissioner Andrews visited Pitchess Detention Center - South Facility Ranch Operations on February 11, 2014.**
- **Commissioner Andrews visited Pitchess Detention Center - South East Facility Fire Camp Conservation Program on February 11, 2014.**

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II. REPORTS

2. Department Representative Reports for February 19, 2014.

- Department of Auditor-Controller (AC)
- Monthly Report

- Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- Monthly Report

- Internal Services Department (ISD)
- Monthly Report

- Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
- Monthly Report

- Probation Department (PD)
- Monthly Report

- Sheriff's Department
- Monthly Report
 - Discussion regarding the need for additional radio channels at Twin Towers Correctional Facility (14-0785)

Auditor Controller (AC)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report for the month of December 2013 as follows:

15 Total calls

- **8 = Youth callers**
- **7 = Adult callers**

19 Calls related to Collaboration Contacts/Referrals

- **7 = Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) – Social Worker**
- **1 = DCFS Child Protection Hotline**
- **1 = Public Inquiry**

- 2 = Group Home
- 6 = General Information
- 2 = Probation

8 Personal Rights

- 3 = Contact (David & Margaret (2); Orange County Children's Foundation (1))
- 1 = Food (Trinity – El Monte)
- 2 = Living Condition (Five Acres, Children Are Our Future)
- 1 = Health/Med, Dental, Psych Care (Five Acres)
- 1 = Respect (Children Are Our Future)

1 Personal

- 1 = Discipline (Crittenton)

1 Other

- 1 = Privacy (Crittenton)

4 Visits/Outreach

- Human Services Network (2 sites)
- Field's Comprehensive Services (2 sites)

Issue(s)/Questions(s) expressed during visits

- 1 Placement – San Bernardino County

In continuing her report, Ms. Day reported for the month of January 2014 as follows:

12 Total calls

- 8 Youth callers
- 4 Adult callers

12 calls relating to Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information

- 2 = DCFS – Social Workers
- 2 = DCFS – Command Post
- 2 = DCFS – Program Monitors
- 3 = Group Home Providers
- 2 = General Information
- 1 = Probation

5 Personal Rights

- 2 = Allowance (Childhelp (2) – Beaumont)
- 2 = Clothing (Heritage – Whittier, Moore's Cottage – Pomona)
- 1 = Food (Crittenton)

2 Other

- 1 = Hygiene (Rosemary Children's Services)
- 1 = CSW Contact (David & Margaret)

5 Visits/Outreach

- Sand Hill
- Lifecircle
- Childhelp USA (Beaumont)
- Little People's World (2 sites – Banning and Cherry Valley)

Department of Mental Health (DMH) report

DMH had no representation at this meeting.

Internal Services Department (ISD) report

Mr. Brian Lear, Building Crafts Superintendent, ISD, advised the Commission that all repairs and painting at the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall is complete and the residents have moved back in.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) report

Ms. Rhonda David-Shirley, DCFS, Out of Home Care Management Division, Group Home Performance Management, reported on the number of youth that were Absent Without Leave (AWOL) during the following reporting periods:

- January 16-31, 2014 = 309
- February 1-19, 2014 = 306

Ms. David-Shirley also reported that Moore's Cottage has been placed on hold and subsequently moved to "do not use."

Probation Department (PD) report

Ms. Lisa Campbell-Motton, Director of Placement Permanency & Quality Assurance, PD, reported on the status of AWOLs for the month of January 2014 as follows:

- **132 AWOLs**
 - **132 Youth Involved**
 - **19 were repeat offenders**
 - **59 Remain AWOL**
 - **50 Returned to group homes**
 - **16 Juvenile Hall**
 - **1 Home on Probation**
 - **5 Camp**
 - **1 Probation terminated**

Sheriff Department (SD) report

Captain Steven Biagini, Sheriff, informed the Commissioners that he does not have any information on the channels in the inmate reception center (IRC) and advised the Commission that he will contact a subject expert to present at a future meeting.

Commissioner Andrews apprised Captain Biagini of his recent visit to Pitchess Detention Center and his observation of inmate time served calculations.

Captain Biagini also answered questions posed by the Commission.

- 3. Chairperson's Report on various items for February 19, 2014. (14-0787)**

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:

Los Angeles Times:

- **Legal Help for Juveniles Under Study (February 13, 2014)**
- **Abuse Alleged at Care Homes (February 19, 2014)**

Daily Breeze:

- **It's More Than Just Kid Stuff (February 18, 2014)**

Commissioners Andrews and Russell also shared the following articles with the Commission:

- **Public Safety Update (February 14, 2014)**
- **GPS Alerts Overwhelm Probation (February 16, 2014)**

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4. Treasurer's Report for February 19, 2014. (14-0788)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$747.61.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for February 19, 2014. (14-0789)

Staff introduced Mr. Roy Sinclair as the new staff member rejoining team 4; Mr. Sinclair replaced Ms. Nyla Jefferson.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on February 19, 2014. (14-0790)

In Compliance:

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Eggleston Youth Center, Page 9, #3, on February 13, 2014.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Eggleston Youth Center, Page 9, #4, on February 13, 2014.**

Not Available:

- **Commissioner Russell visited Counseling & Research Associate/Masada Home, Page 9, #1, on February 18, 2014.**

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from February 13, 2014 to February 18, 2014. (14-0791)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Commissioner Andrews visited Marina Del Rey Station on February 18, 2014.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Penny Lane #5, Page 31, #3, on February 14, 2014.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Human Service Network, Page 22, #2, on February 18, 2014.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were visited, but not inspected:

- **Chairperson Montaña visited Orange County Children's Foundation, Page 30, #2, on February 13, 2014 and reported no one was home.**
- **Commissioner Burton visited Little People's World, Page 23, #4, on February 18, 2014 and reported no one was home.**

III. DISCUSSION

8. Discussion and approval of County Counsel's recommendations and revisions to the Sybil Brand Commissions' recommendations to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection. (14-0802)

After a brief discussion, on motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio and unanimously carried, the recommendations were approved.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0792)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

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. (14-0793)

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

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of February 19, 2014. (14-0794)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of February 19, 2014 in memory of Shirley Temple, Paul McIver and Sister Saint George at 12:16 p.m.