



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
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**Monday, June 16, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2780)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

**Present:** Chair Geneva Berger, Vice Chair Susan F. Friedman, Commissioner Carol O. Biondi, Commissioner Candace Cooper, Commissioner Patricia Curry, Commissioner Ann E. Franzen, Commissioner Sydney Kamlager, Commissioner Dr. Sunny Kang, Commissioner Helen Kleinberg, Commissioner Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Commissioner Martha Trevino-Powell

**Excused:** Commissioner Adelina Sorkin LCSW/ACSW and Vice Chair Steven M. Olivas Esq.

Call to Order. (14-2681)

**Chair Berger called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Introductions of June 16, 2014 meeting attendees. (14-2682)

**Self-Introductions were made.**

2. Approval of the June 16, 2014 Meeting Agenda. (14-2683)

**On motion of Commissioner Biondi , seconded by Commissioner Kang, unanimously carried (Commissioners Cooper, Kamlager, Konigar-Macklin, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), the Commission will consider Agenda Item Nos. 7, 8, and 9 before Agenda Item No. 6.**

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3. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 2, 2014. (14-2684)

**On motion of Vice Chair Friedman, seconded by Trevino-PowerII, unanimously carried (Commissioner Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), this item was approved.**

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## **II. REPORTS**

4. Chair's report for June 16, 2014 by Genevra Berger, Chair. (14-2685)

**Chair Berger reported on the following:**

- **The Celebration '14 Honoring Academic Achievements of Foster Youth is being held on June 19, 2014 at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Invitations were sent to Commissioners.**
- **DCFS' monthly Stat Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of the month. Commissioners are invited to attend. The next DCFS Stat meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2014 and will feature and have a case presentation pertaining to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) youth on the Agenda. Let staff know if interested in attending the meeting.**

**By Common Consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Cooper, Kamlager, Konigar-Macklin, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), the Commission accepted Chair Berger's report.**

5. Department of Children and Family Services Director's report for June 16, 2014 by Philip Browning, Director. (14-2686)

**Director Browning reported the following:**

- **The State Budget was released; however, the Governor has two weeks to change it.**
- **Currently two jurisdictions have exited the Katie A. Settlement. The State's three-year time commitment to align with the Katie A. Settlement expires in December of 2014.**
- **DCFS recently released the quarterly newsletter. The 30th Anniversary of the Department and Commission were highlighted in the newsletter.**

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**By Common Consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Cooper, Kamlager, Konigar Macklin, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), the Commission accepted Director Browning's report.**

### **III. PRESENTATION**

#### **6. Presentation by the Visitation Workgroup.**

- Helen Kleinberg, Commissioner
- Ann Franzen, Commissioner
- Genevra Berger, Commissioner
- Sylvia Drew Ivie, Executive Liaison to Commission (presenting on behalf of Shield's for Families)
- Bill Bennett, Grace Resource Center
- Deborah Davies, Friends of the Family
- Muzeyyen Balaban, DCFS
- Shawn Prokopec, DCFS
- Kathee Saito, DCFS (14-2691)

**Commissioner Kleinberg explained that the Visitation Workgroup's (Workgroup) presentation will provide learned information to date with the intention of presenting recommendations to the Commission at a future date and provided the following brief history of the Workgroup:**

- **The group convened several months ago, bringing individuals who work on family visitation together. Family visitation is critical for every child who is removed from his or her family.**
- **The Commission has looked at visitation a number of times with many efforts starting and stopping over the years. The goal is to look at the entire visitation environment.**
- **The Family Visitation Guidelines were provided to the County Juvenile Court in 2006 as a result of the Courts concern about family visitation. Out of concern, the Courts convened a series of meetings to develop appropriate guidelines for family visitation. The guidelines were never adopted by DCFS due to lack of resources to implement. Some people use the guidelines; however, it is not used to the intended extent.**

**Commissioner Franzen presented the following:**

- **During the time as Chair of the Commission's Faith based Committee, the improvement of visitation was taken on as an initiative with a focus**

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on engaging the faith-based community as a resource for improving visitation.

- **Visitation is critical to maintain while children are in and out of care. Ensuring that visitation occurs on a regular basis allows children to be able to focus with their caregivers on learning social and emotional development. More than 30 percent of children under DCFS supervision are under the age of four.**
- **Removal of children from their parents or caretakers and placed in out of home placement is based on the court's finding that that the home is an unsafe living environment; consequently, removed children, especially very young children are exposed to new damage. This damage is emotional and developmental often filtering into other areas.**
- **The importance of bonding and attachment is critical in the development of infants, children, pre-teens and teens. Every young child may have a different understanding and reason for being removed from the care of their families and may lack the range of maturity and coping mechanisms to deal with separation and loss. Research shows that when the attachment is taken away, future development into adulthood can be traumatic. Additionally, young children with unhealthy attachments are at much greater risk for substance abuse and depression later in life. Healthy development is critical for infants and toddlers as well as children of any age. Visitation is a necessity for families to reunify permanently.**

**Commissioner Kleinberg emphasized the importance of visitation in relation to a child's well-being. Additionally, children and parents that are separated from each other often experience anxiety wondering about what is happening to one another. If the goal is reunification, then bringing the parents and children together in a productive way must be considered. Currently visitation exists across the department in multiple ways with various people facilitating reunification. Visitation efforts of DCFS and agencies will be presented.**

**Chair Berger distributed a sheet with data and presented the following:**

- **In the past, visitation between parents and children was a standard child welfare practice with social workers checking on whether parents visited their children in out of home placement. Within the last ten years, the Courts became involved and began ordering visitation at certain intervals. Currently, there is no data available on the number of children that have court ordered visitation. DCFS administrators have**

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indicated that most children in out of home placement have visitation, however it is not definitive due to lack of data tracking.

Commissioner Kleinberg added that an issue is whether there is a court order for monitored visitation. In the past, many families were allowed unmonitored visits because there were no issues of safety found. In the present day, it appears that most of the cases require monitored visitation; however, the number is unknown.

- **Approximately 20 years ago, during the time the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) was designed, court ordered monitored visitation did not exist. Monitored visitation was requested by Social Workers only if there was a specific threat or potential of kidnapping present. These situations were rare and never included as a data element in the CWS/CMS system. The Workgroup is seeking data on the amount of court ordered monitored visitation in order to evaluate how visitation is working and whether reunifications increase or decrease relative to visitation. The following general information on reunification known is the following:**
  - **Data on reunification by Service Planning Area (SPA) indicates a decrease in reunification from 2010 to 2013.**
  - **Reunification for children zero to two years of age by placement type shows that this population accounts for approximately 20 percent of the total reunified from 2008 through 2013.**

Commissioner Kleinberg added that research indicates that visitation when administered correctly promotes reunification. Additionally, a great amount of visits must occur and the required monitoring should be liberalized. The assumed present situation is that the majority of visits are monitored and there is little liberalization occurring. Social workers are reluctant to liberalize visitation unless the court stipulates. The Court leaves the determination to the Department on the level of monitoring for visitation. There is approximately a 12 percent rate of reunified families that re-enter the child welfare system. Re-entry causes multiple traumas for the child. The Workgroup is looking at how to create a system that supports families and resources that allow families to select the type of visitation they want and subsequently prevent re-entry. Based on the percentage of reunified young children, focusing aspects of visitation on younger children should be considered.

**Sylvia Drew Ivie presented the following on behalf of Charmaine Utz, Visitation Manager for Shields for Families (Shields):**

- **Shields services the Compton, Vermont and Wateridge DCFS areas providing visitation services. Shield's visitation model utilizes interns for conducting visitation and work through liaisons in each of the three centers. Faith based support services are not used and sexual assault or severe mental health cases are not accepted; however, domestic violence cases are served. Children's Social Workers (CSW) refer visitation requests to the DCFS liaison who contacts Shield's visitation manager. Requests are answered within 48 hours and served on a first basis. Visitation is scheduled two weeks in advance; however changes frequently due to timing conflicts with the parents.**
- **During the first two years of the visitation program, referrals were at a high of 195 in year one and 233 in year two. After the second year, Shields lost their AmeriCorps volunteer and struggled managing the program with the absence of this coordinator. Family visits average between three to four visits with one to one and half months' time in between each visit. Ms. Utz speculates that lack of communication between social workers and families and missed visitation meetings may be reasons for the length of time between each visit. Although DCFS liaisons have been identified, it is difficult to reach them.**
- **Visitation interns come from California State Universities of Los Angeles, Dominguez Hills and Long Beach. Their training is one day and usually conducted with three to seven interns. After visitation occurs, a printed report on the visit is provided to the social worker.**
- **Office staff is also available for monitoring and space is provided to DCFS to conduct visitations. Families are oriented to become familiar with the site and procedures and do not undergo a pre meet.**
- **Shields is concerned that visitation staff is not included in the case termination process and are only aware when the parent and child stop attending visitation. A challenge has been the lack of communication between the family and DCFS.**
- **Parents have communicated appreciation of the ability to meet in a different space other than a DCFS office and prefer a private setting for visitation.**

**Susan Kaplan, Friends of the Family (FOF) provided an overview and background of their prevention and visitation programs and presented the following:**

- **In 2009, Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky asked FOF to help develop a safe child custody exchange program for initially SPA 1 as the mentor agency on the prevention initiative. The Safe Custody Exchange Program dealt with trying to have safe exchanges for families under domestic court jurisdiction and unable to exchange their children peacefully without consequence to the child. FOF was asked to partner this initiative with a robust family visitation program for both SPA's 2 and 1. These initiatives were proposed to Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) for financial support and subsequently funded with AB 2994 funds in 2010.**
- **As a result of the dedicated funding in 2010, the visitation program was established servicing SPA's 1 and 2 with two year contracts costing approximately \$120 thousand annually. The most recent contract was renewed in 2014.**
- **FOF is advocating for a public/private partnership throughout the County in order to implement robust family visitation centers. FOF does not use a monitor based visitation model and uses a coach based model for visitation that is a community led and situated approach closely aligned based on national literature showing timely and successful reunification.**
- **There are three faith-based sites in which visits take place with approximately 30 visitations scheduled ranging from two to three hours every week. This results in a number of visits and coaches at scale. Cohorts of 40 coaches have been trained with active coaches ranging from 28 to 35 at any particular time. Coaches receive an initial 24 hour training module followed by weekly telephone supervision and guidance from a program coordinator. Coaches are brought together on a quarterly basis to provide support and connections. This model dedicates full time staff towards the development and support of faith-based visitation sites. Developing faith-based visitation sites is a costly endeavor that requires a great deal of support and time. This model develops efforts towards recruiting volunteer coaches from faith-based congregations and the community while providing coach training and support. FOF staffing includes a full-time coordinator,**

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half-time Master of Social Work (MSW) to handle more complex cases and coaching, and project direction staff to augment training and support. In addition, the model addresses some of the logistical and operational issues including the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the community-based organization and faith-based site and some insurance matters.

- FOF believes that all families mandated or recommended for Family Visitation can benefit a great deal more from family coaching than monitored visitation only.
- FOF is the lead agency for both the Prevention Initiative Demonstration Project (PIDP) that is funded by DCFS and the Family Support Contract in SPA 2 and additionally have contracts with Department of Mental Health (DMH). Approximately, 60 percent of revenue is from being lead agency with County Departments and 20 percent from Program/Services contracts; where FOF is subcontracted by another agency to fulfill a certain percentage of work. The remainder of the revenue is donor supported.

Commissioner Kleinberg added that although there are churches interested in becoming a family visitation site; it is very difficult for small churches to implement due to the many logistical challenges smaller churches face. Many churches may be detoured from having to go through a lengthy contracting process. Since, FOF makes the contract churches are alleviated from having to undergo the lengthy process involved with county contracts.

Deborah Davies, FOF added that funding received is spread thinly for both the Family Visitation and Safe Custody Exchange Programs and presented the following:

- FOF has been in business for 43 years and has extensive experience working with parents; many of these parents who come to FOF for resources or services are mandated to do so. Often times, these parents have expressed that there is little time provided to visit with their children. The faith-based Visitation Centers provide a less intimidating and more comfortable place for families to engage with their children. The centers are created to be a comfortable environment and two of the centers allow the family to cook and eat a meal together. Parents get to replicate the tasks they would be doing once their children are returned home and practice skills developed from the classes and services they have received. Research has shown that

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visitation is the greatest predictor for reunification. FOF worked closely with DCFS partners to address any safety concerns and requirements involved with using volunteer monitors.

- Coaches build a relationship with the family and get support from other coaches. Families are involved with a Visitation Center an average of six months to a year. Coaches are selected and matched with a family keeping this time frame in mind to ensure the coach remains with the family throughout the process.

Commissioner Kleinberg added that the lengthy training requirement for volunteers confirms their level of commitment as a volunteer.

Kathee Saito, DCFS presented the following:

- The DCFS San Fernando Valley Office became involved in the visitation initiative approximately seven years ago when the office conducted a series of focus groups to ask clients, the community, contracted providers, staff, and other County departments what they felt were barriers to positive outcomes and to identify strategies to improve outcomes for children. There were 13 focus groups with over 300 issues identified and recommendations developed and prioritized. Two of the recommendations were presented to the DCFS Executive Team. One of the recommendations being community-based family visitation centers. Research findings indicated that visitation was the key to facilitating and expediting reunification.
- Through the Strategic Planning Workgroup, we learned that there are various models of visitation used by the Department. Each office uses a different type of model. FOF was instrumental in supporting SPA 2 in visitation efforts.
- The DCFS Chatsworth office had interview rooms located in the lobby used for visitation as well as a children's room visible to staff and people passing by. These areas were heavily trafficked and did not provide any privacy for the family to visit. Visitation conducted in a family friendly community site has improved the quality of visits for parents and their children. Positive feedback has been received from parents thanking staff for creating a Visitation Center and expressing that visits conducted in an office was an artificial way for parents to spend time with their children.

- Often times, children experience and relive trauma from having visitation conducted in the DCFS office where they were initially detained.
- FOF coaching model provides a different level of support for parents that would not have been present in a monitoring setting. The coaches help model appropriate parenting.
- Working with FOF has changed the way families are engaged and highlighted the importance and value of community partnerships. This client, community and staff partnership has truly made a systemic change and strengthened the Department's ability to meet its primary mission and goals.

**Bill Bennett, Grace Resource Center (GRC) presented the following:**

- FOF has been instrumental in helping develop GRC's visitation program. The model used by GRC is a parent coaching approach. This approach was preferred over monitoring because it provides training and parent coaching, which allows investment in the lives of parents. GRC helps people thrive not just survive. Every effort is made to link parents with other organizations that will help in developing parenting skills. GRC recently initiated parenting classes with many of the participants being part of the family visitation program.
- The City of Lancaster has provided city owned neighborhood houses where visitation is conducted in a home setting. Families are able to cook and spend time in a much more natural family setting.

**Muzeyyen Balaban, DCFS presented the following:**

- Visitation initially was placed on the DCFS Strategic Objective as a smaller scope objective, to have visitation centers in each of the regional offices offering a safe environment for children and families to visit. Visitation is one of the best indicators of reunification. Visitation also assists with minimizing trauma and consequently mental health needs and challenges associated with trauma.
- Initial Visitation work indicated that there were several parallel visitation processes being used among the Visitation Centers, Agencies and faith based communities conducting visitation. Commissioner Sunny Kang

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participated with the Visitation group's efforts providing his faith based community experience. It was decided that the initial focus would be to organize each of the DCFS offices and work on the technical tasks such as the operational agreements and development of a Visitation Manual. The Manual is near completion and only pending the finalization of the operational agreements. Additional findings have shown other models used by faith based communities similar to the approach of Friends of the Family in which they have taken a lead role on Visitation. Some of these groups have been trained with the coaching model and have full time staff in place to provide services that the agency model does. Resources are a challenge for some of the faith based communities and not feasible for them to conduct the same level of work. Some of the faith based communities are not able to meet the insurance requirements to conduct Visitation. At this point, the Visitation Workgroup has done the following: 1) created the Manual to be used by the regional offices and a framework of how to create and maintain a Visitation Center; 2) continue to work on the operational agreement which is near finalization, and 3) defined roles of the liaisons and determined how these lead roles will be identified and funded.

Commissioner Kleinberg added that the task of scheduling visits is a major endeavor for the liaisons due to the number of families participating in Visitation and challenges with timing as well as the foster families' willingness to have the child participate in Visitation. Shawn Prokopec coordinates the scheduling in her office in addition to her other duties. There is currently no staff dedicated for scheduling visitation, DCFS office staff assists where they can.

Ms. Balaban agreed that scheduling is a major challenge and added that an achievement of the Workgroup is the facilitation of the live scan and screening of visitation monitors being conducted through the Department of Human Resources. Previously, screening of monitors was conducted through each of the offices. Now, monitors and volunteers from the faith based communities will be able to undergo screening and clearance through a centralized location. The training piece is still under development. Shawn Prokopec has developed some basic monitor based training not as extensive as the training conducted by Friends of the Family. The idea is to start with basic training and as monitors are retained develop different trainings to be able to engage and maintain the monitors. The Workgroup also looked at standardizing the visitation process including coordinating the logistics prior to the visitation meeting in order to minimize some of the issues that prevent visitation from happening. Efforts are underway to establish a process that includes the pre-meet family, monitor, social

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worker and supervisor going over the guidelines and expectations involved to ensure that everyone is on the same page. As visits are happening, periodically meet with all the parties involved to ensure that everyone is aware of what is going on with the family and visitation. Additional work is being done with Business and Information Systems (BIS) to automate some of the forms and putting some of the information in a current database with the intent of creating a visitation database in order to track visitation. Currently, information on visitation relating to canceled visits, reasons for canceling visits and the agency/faith based visitation environment in general is not available. There is not a clear understanding of the number of families that successfully exited after going through visitation and those who were unsuccessful.

- Other offices that did not have Visitation Centers were also engaged. Currently, all offices are on their way or have a faith or agency based Visitation Center in place. The hope is to continue the process of standardization and ensuring that parallel processes are being done with all of the models that exist in the communities and the department.
- Visitation meetings held in the office are monitored by social workers or human services aides (HSA), and may be any type of case, including severe cases. Visitation conducted through the faith based communities are monitored by volunteers and are not able to monitor certain type of cases that involve sexual abuse, severe and active domestic violence, severe mental health, and/or substance abuse. Cases involving domestic violence and/or substance abuse are referred to faith or agency based visitation centers if there are no issues of safety found by the screener and DCFS liaison.

Commissioner Kleinberg clarified that the HSA and social workers are handling the most difficult cases. The HSA training needs to be evaluated. Currently, there is no data on the number of visitations conducted in the DCFS offices. Offices have communicated that they are overwhelmed and have had to send some cases to other offices for visitation. Areas that need to be addressed include identifying the needs of a case based on the level of severity, determining the type of trained person to service these cases, and the types of coaches and monitors needed to cover families served by DCFS.

Commissioner Kang added that in some cases the HSA has been able to monitor the visit utilizing a faith based visitation center. There are situations where the HSA or social worker can conduct the visitation in a community setting that is far more conducive to a family environment

**Shawn Prokopec, DCFS presented the following:**

- **The Strategic Planning Workgroup was initiated to look at the funding aspects of Visitation. The Department wanted to look at ways of getting the community involved with a Visitation Center in a non contractual way. In the event that funds are no longer available, the community based visitation centers would remain in place for families to go to and feel supported and connected during their case. When cases end, families will have continuity of support and connections within their communities. In starting the strategic planning, it was learned that various types of visitation centers existed which include:**
  - **Centers organized and run by the contract groups;**
  - **Faith based centers with church member volunteers trained by DCFS. The visitation takes place at a site located at the church with a church member as the monitor. This model is the type of visitation centers organized by Shawn Prokopec.**
  - **Centers located at a space donated by the church with DCFS as the monitors. This model is similar to Commissioner Kang's example.**
  
- **As efforts are underway to increase the number of faith based visitation centers, in which communities take responsibility through empowering their communities to keep families together by working with them; there are obstacles faced. Some of these challenges include difficulties with volunteering. The level of involvement required with visitation volunteers is not for everyone. It is a large time commitment. The liability involved with community-based visitation is a challenge. The County's Chief Executive Office Risk Management Division looks at the risks involved with having visitation conducted with communities providing the service. Many of the churches within the SPA's do not have the financial resources to meet insurance requirements. Efforts are currently stuck trying to resolve the insurance obstacle.**
  
- **Discussions have occurred to have agencies such as Friends of the Family contracted to take on the visitation training, coordination and scheduling. It is difficult for DCFS offices to maintain the work involved with visitation. Recruiting, training and coordination of visitation are done in spare time as these tasks are no longer a job dedicated function. Having paid individuals dedicated for visitation makes it much easier to recruit, train, engage and keep volunteers.**

- **A dual process is currently in place. Although, the community agency process is encouraged, the department must also find a way to continue cultivating faith based involvement to develop more centers that will maintain whether or not funding is available.**

**Commissioner Kleinberg stated that a lot of work has been done and there is much more to look at, for instance visitation efforts made by relatives, foster parents and group homes as well as training and whether specific pieces of basic training should be included in all training. The presentation provided is a briefing of the Workgroup's current status. The Workgroup would like to return with recommendations or possibly more information gathered. Anyone interested in joining the Workgroup is welcome.**

**In response to questions posed by the Commission, the presenters responded with the following:**

- **Ms. Balaban explained that the Workgroup is comprised of partnerships and collaborations in which Ms. Garrison who previously led the visitation office participates. The Workgroup touches approximately 15 other strategic objectives in collaboration.**
- **Commissioner Kleinberg clarified that the Visitation Office no longer exists. She agreed that recruitment of churches is possible however; conducting visitation is not free for the churches and in order to develop visitation with churches, some funding will need to be provided or create a public/private partnership where the private group takes on the liability and insurance issues.**

**Commissioner Kang added that it should not be assumed that money is a requirement for faith based visitation, many faith communities want to participate in this initiative. There are other models that can be considered other than the public/private partnership.**

- **Ms. Kaplan clarified that it is not the churches directly that require funding; however, they require support and coordination, which cannot be implemented without funding. Whether the department chooses to recommend an approach that allocates funding for DCFS staff internally to provide coordination, or come to realize that with \$1.5 million, DCFS could fund a community based agency Countywide on a full time basis for the coordination and attention that is required to develop and support faith based sites and volunteers.**

Commissioner Cooper added that visitation is critical from the position of the bench officers. In making the decision to return a child to their family, there is limited criteria they are able to evaluate in order to do this. The social worker looks at their reports to see if the family is ready to be reunited and areas assessed are whether the family has participated in the required programs as well as the family's participation in visitation. When visitation has failed during the time segment of the report, the time the family is involved with the system is extended. The Court will not order reunification until successful measurement of the different areas is present. Courts will extend reunification when visitation has failed because the parent has been unable to visit because of transportation issues or job schedules. Visitation is a key component to reunification. Transportation issues are common reasons parents are unable to participate in visitation. Courts will not order a child back unless there is a sense that the child will be safe and if the child and parent have been unable to visit for a reasonable amount of time, there is no measure of this.

By Common Consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Biondi, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), the Commission accepted the Visitation Workgroup's report.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

#### IV. DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and approval of a Commissioner Representative to the Transition Team to monitor implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection's (BRCCP) recommendations adopted by the Board of Supervisors. (14-2703)

**On motion of Commissioner Biondi, seconded by Commissioner Kang, unanimously carried (Commissioners Kamlander, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), the Commission selected Commissioner Patricia Curry to represent the Commission for Children and Families Services in the Transition Team, which will monitor the implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection's (BRCCP) recommendations adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 10, 2014.**

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8. Discussion and approval to add an additional Commission meeting for the month of September, 2014 as requested by Chair Berger. (14-2697)

**On motion of Commissioner Kleinberg, seconded by Commissioner Trevino Powell, unanimously carried (Commissioners Kamlager, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), this item was approved.**

9. Discussion and approval of the 2014-15 Election of Officers date as recommended by Chair Berger. (14-2698)

**On motion of Commissioner Biondi, seconded by Commissioner Konigar Macklin, unanimously carried (Commissioners Kamlanger, Sorkin and Vice Chair Olivas being absent), the Commission selected the Election of Officers Date to be held on the first meeting of September.**

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

10. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-2687)

**There were none.**

##### **Announcements**

11. Announcements for the meeting of June 16, 2014. (14-2688)

**Commissioner Cooper advised the Commission that she has been researching the closure of Mediation Services and Parents Beyond Conflict Program in the Dependency Court and will reach out to the Commissioners who volunteered for this initiative and report back to the full Commission at a later time.**

##### **Public Comment**

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-2689)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

##### **Adjournment**

13. Adjournment of the meeting of June 16, 2014. (14-2702)

**The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.**