



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

<http://sbc.lacounty.gov/>

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (23-0836)

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Call to Order and Roll Call. (23-0693)

Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. And announced that several inspections will be discussed at the upcoming SBC March 1, 2023, meeting.

Present: Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D., Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: Commissioner Ingrid Archie

I. REPORTS

1. LASD (Commander Hugo Macias). (23-0697)
 - Roll Call
 - Update on DOJ settlement related to treatment of individuals with mental illness
 - Update on any policy or personnel changes made by Sheriff Luna

Present: Commander Hugo Macias, and Sergeant Roger Short

Commander Macias reported that the DOJ established a court motion to establish timelines to the provisions primarily having to do with permanent housing for their mental health population. Followed by a discussion on the expansion at North Facility, their partners, staffing, programming, and what is being done currently to improve the conditions of confinement and who maintains the facilities. Lastly, he shared Sheriff Luna's recent and upcoming changes including changes in personnel and the introduction to New Office of Constitutional Policing.

The SBC had concerns about what is being done currently to improve the conditions of confinement and maintain the facilities. To include the availability of books, rec times and housing. And inquired about the 67% class cancellation rate.

Commander Macias to follow up with an assignment of personnel, their roles, and the number of people assigned to each facility. A follow up on services at MCJ and custodial staff, as well as information regarding the outstanding provisions.

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2. Department of Correctional Health Services (Dr. Sean Henderson). (23-0698)
 - COVID Numbers: Testing positive, population in quarantine, YTD by facility.
 - Number of deaths while incarcerated
 - How many people are currently receiving Medical Assistant Therapy, MAT?

Dr. Henderson reported that in regard to Covid CHS is running about 3.5% over a 7–14-day period with no deviation. Which includes the Inmate Reception Center, IRC those going to state and presenting to clinics. There are three deaths so far. And they are using two kinds of Medical Assisted Therapy, Suboxone and Sublocade. 207 people are on Suboxone and 202 people are being treated with Sublocade. 1,617 people are quarantined. And reported that although they have a process for those who are in quarantine and have trial. There is no process for those needing to go to court for other reasons. And that video court, was not accepted in LA County as an option because of the population size, and a testing capacity issue that CHS cannot accommodate. CHS does not have a MAT capacity and are increasing MAT every week. There is a capacity cap for Suboxone. And received funding for staff in October to accommodate disbursement. And are aiming to get MAT to North County by April of 2023. A discussion followed on the use of masks and staff vaccination and the possible impact that triple bunking has on mental health.

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3. Department of Health Services and Mental Health Services in the Jails and Lock up facilities (Dr. Timothy Belavich). (23-0699)
 - Twin Towers and MCJ: Rated Capacity vs. Current Occupancy
 - Vacancies: Current vacancy rate and effect on access to care
 - Implementation of Medi-Cal Waiver for Justice-Involved Population

Present: Ms. Joan Hubbell, Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Ms. Elisabeth Gildemontes, DMH, Patient Rights Office.

Ms. Hubbell reported that there are 376 clinical budgeted items. 213 are currently filled, 60 people are in the on boarding process which leaves 103 vacancy 27% vacancy rate. In regard to crowding, overcrowding and isolation does add stress to those dealing with mental health. Followed by a discussion on vacancies, staffing strategy, and triage strategy. Stating that the average follow ups for clinicians on a p2 is 47 days. Ms. Hubbell stated that DMH is a part of the use of force incident committee. And that there should always be someone present from her team. However, to have someone present 24/hrs. for transfers is not something they can accommodate right now. And will have to review the incident to provide a follow up.

Commissioner Dr. Grills recommended that DMH look at how they allocate resources, and that some attention be given to what could be done differently with the p1's and 2's.

Elisabeth Gildemontes, Patient Rights Office gave an overview of their role within the jails. And that currently they are involved in the probable cause hearings within units of the jails with individuals on psychiatric holds. They average three psychiatric hearings per day and respond to a lot of grievances from mental health units in the jails. A discussion followed on the rights of a person receiving mental health care, laws and guides they follow/adhere including sections of title 9 and welfare.

Dr. Henderson stated they are working with the state to create guidelines and requirements for the Medi-Cal waiver. The average length of stay is about 45 days. Individuals are reimbursed for services within 90 days. And will allow CHS to work with the community partners and give a warm hand off. Lastly that as soon as an individual arrives to a facility, they are enrolled in Medi-CAL. Dr. Henderson to follow up on the lapse of time pertaining to medications. The triage average for psychiatrist. And to forward the total death count for those in custody the duration of 2022.

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4. Civilian Oversight Commission, COC announcements and upcoming meetings (Mr. Erick Montalban and COC Commissioner Luis Garcia). (23-0701)

Mr. Erick Montalban reported that the next COC meeting is 2/16/2023 and will be held in person with an option to join virtually in which they will be discussing the following:

- **Los Angeles Sheriff's Department budget and**
- **Conditions of Confinement**

He also shared that the Ad Hoc on the Special hearing on deputy gangs is working with Counsel to get the report regarding the investigation out to the public. However, are waiting for a response from the LASD. Once it is ready to be published, they will have a special hearing and sometime after there will be an opportunity for the public to submit their input. He gave a brief update on the Ad hoc committee on conditions of confinement stating that they are working on a meeting to decide on their goals. But have run into a delay as their executive directors last day is February 28, 2023. And therefore, are working on closing out projects and services without any interruptions.

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5. Chairperson's Report. (23-0703)

- Final update on the Boards motion, Inmate Welfare Funds (IWF) and Education Based Programming (EBI) survey, Commissioner Dr. Grills

Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills announced that the report regarding the survey has been finalized and sent to staff and to Ms. Esther Lim and did not receive a reply from her. And has emailed her to inquire what the next steps are. And that in the meantime, the SBC will continue to check in with the justice deputies to see what they are doing with the survey.

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6. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (23-0704)

Staff announced that in person meeting will resume beginning March 1, 2023. Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills announced that the Department of Justice (DOJ) will attend the SBC 3/1/2023. Chairperson Clayton Johnson asked that the Court Monitor be invited to the SBC meeting once their spring report is available.

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of February 1, 2023. (23-0705)

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, seconded by Commissioner Raymond Regalado this item was approved as amended with the following

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Bob Frutos

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Ingrid Archie

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-0706)

There was no public comment.

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Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the Meeting of February 15, 2023. (23-0708)

Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson adjourned the February 15, 2023, meeting at 11:47 a.m.