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## **NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTION**

### **DISASTER OPERATIONS CENTER RISES TO THE NEED**

This week's noteworthy contribution goes to DMH DOC staff, which included representatives from every department within DMH. The conference calls, coordination of effort with a host of partners, and overall collaboration with City & County government resulted in quality consultation, response, and service to our community and the evacuees from New Orleans. A genuine thanks to all, yet another example of how much we can accomplish in a short period of time despite the multiple demands and time constraints faced by all. We met our Responsibilities in a way that illustrates our commitment to service. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Beliz'.

Tony Beliz, Ph.D.  
Deputy Director, Emergency Outreach Bureau

## **HEADLINES**

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH**

The Drumming for Your Life Institute (DFYL) initiated a highly successful pilot project on one of the Unfit Units at Barry J. Nidorf (BJN). The youth on the Unfit units face very serious legal situations and have minimal access to programming due to tight security restrictions. The DFYL Pilot Project involved three five-week workshops that consisted of bi-weekly drumming workshop sessions. These drumming workshops use rhythm to increase self-esteem, build community, develop trust and release stress. As part of the drumming workshops, the youth learned to maintain control over anger and impulsive behavior. Following the success of the DFYL Pilot Project, it has been continued at BJN and will be expanded to Central Juvenile Hall this month.

### **ON THE SPOT**

**Martin Escobedo** from the Training and Cultural Competence Bureau – “I saw Martin coming into the building in the morning and asked if he could come to our meeting room to help set up the power point presentation. He said he had another assignment but gave me his cell number and said if I got into trouble, I could call him. This presentation was for the County Commissioners and I did get into trouble. They were due in an hour and we couldn't

get the projector to read the power point. Martin stayed with us and was eventually able to do the connection and leave us with everything ready to go. If it had not been for him and his patient, willingness to help, we would have looked unorganized and ill prepared in front of this very august group. What a true team player!"

## DMH EMPLOYEES ENCOURAGED TO WATCH "HALLELUJAH ANYHOW," FEATURING DR. SOUTHARD

Hallelujah Anyhow will air "Faith Through Mental Disabilities" on Wednesday, September 21 and Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. on local Comcast cable channel 24 in Los Angeles and channel 36 in Inglewood. The show is hosted by Catherine Henderson-Lipscomb and features DMH Director Marvin J. Southard, Dr. John Griffins from Kedren, and Dr. Mike Walker from West Central Mental Health. For information, send an email to: [lipscombkatherine@yahoo.com](mailto:lipscombkatherine@yahoo.com)

## MOVIE REVIEW: **RED EYE** – A TURBULENT TURN OF THE TABLES

I got aboard this thriller expecting to be scared by a cold and menacing psychopath. Instead, I was treated to a lesson in sociopathy in the face of feminism. Perhaps I have been spoiled by years of classic villains like Robert Mitchum in *Cape Fear* and *Night of the Hunter* to really feel the threat of a boyish Cillian Murphy, who while appropriately cold and calculating, does not deliver the threat needed for me to believe that he could outwit or outlast the excellently cast Rachel Mc Adams as the prey to his predator. Instead, I just waited for moment after satisfying moment for her to act as the audience could only hope we would act in her situation. In that way, this was a good example of reverse psychology. I went in expecting one experience (to be scared), and instead, I was given an excellent ride along inside the mind of a survivor. For those of you who like the old-fashioned and more mature villains, please refer to Don Johnson in *Guilty as Sin* or the husbands in *Sleeping with the Enemy* and *Enough*. Perhaps Wes Craven was sending a subliminal message and a chill down the collective spines of those who still use terror as a weapon. Look out evildoers; they don't make victims like they used to.

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## CAREER & PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity Title	Department
<a href="#">Supervising Deputy Public Conservator / Administrator I (IP)</a>	Mental Health
<a href="#">Senior Deputy Public Conservator / Administrator (DP)</a>	Mental Health
<a href="#">Conservator / Administrator Assistant (DP)</a>	Mental Health
<a href="#">Typist Clerk (OC)</a>	Human Resources
<a href="#">Intermediate Typist Clerk (DP)</a>	Human Resources

NOTES: OC = Open Competitive, TO = Transfer Opportunity, IP = Interdepartmental Promotional Opportunity, DP = Departmental Promotional Opportunity, V = Vacancy Announcement. The above list may be abbreviated. Some specialty positions may be omitted. The DHR website does not allow downloading of individual bulletins, so no links can be provided for some opportunities. Visit <http://dhr.lacounty.info/> for all open exams.

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