

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2014
LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Anne-Marie Williams at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in the Community Meeting Room at the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Makies Alexander.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Rob Bergstein, Ruth Cislowski, Andrew Oldershaw,
Jimmy Palmieri, Anne-Marie Williams.

Not Present: Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included: Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book.

C. **POSTING OF AGENDA**

The secretary reported that notices for the meeting had been posted as required.

D. **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to complete a form.

II. **MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2014, meeting was postponed to the next meeting.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

David Giugni presented the mid-year report on social services with Elizabeth Savage, Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, and Corey Roskin. There were five

agencies new to the city this time, based on needs that were identified through the community survey and other sources of information. In addition to contract agencies, the City benefits from services that are provided by some non-contract agencies such as Klean West Hollywood.

Social Services Division staff are responsible for monitoring contracts with the agencies. The Division has moved to a quarterly reporting basis for agencies, rather than monthly reports.

The following addressed the Commission: Hillary Selvin, National Council of Jewish Women; Dustin Kerone, The Spot, introducing Jeff Rodriguez, program manager for The Spot; Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles; Daniel Robinson, Being Alive; Gary Bowie, Being Alive; Drian Juarez and Mariana Marroquin, Transgender Economic Empowerment Program (TEEP); Maribel Ulloa, Aid for AIDS (Alliance for Housing and Healing); Stan Galperson, Tarzana Treatment Center.

Members of the Commission discussed clarifications of how quarterly reports would work in lieu of monthly reports; the distinction between 'new and unduplicated' vs. 'new and ongoing' as terminology in the reports; and how agencies that are exceeding target goals can best be sustained in their accomplishment.

Members of the Commission posed questions regarding numerous agencies, including Aid for AIDS, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Bet Tzedek, HIV Law and Policy Project, Friends Research, West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, JFS Nutrition, Project Angel Food, NCJW, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, Saban Community Clinic, Being Alive, the LGBT Center's Mental Health Services, McIntyre House, WeHo Life, the Center's Youth and Senior Services, and PATH.

Commissioner Oldershaw said that future city-published reports and forms should list transgender male, transgender female, and genderqueer in addition to male and female as genders.

B. TRANSIT PROGRAM UPDATES

Updates were provided from Transit Programs that Perri Sloane Goodman Oversees, including Cityline, which has had a route and time schedule Modification, and Dial-a-Ride. NextBus, a phone app that estimates arrival time of the next bus at any given stop, will be adding Cityline vehicles to its services.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HIV PREVENTION MONTH

June is HIV Prevention Month. David Giugni reviewed plans for activities, including the tenth annual Pride Weekend testing blitz, with the cooperation of the LGBT Center, Saban Community Clinic, and AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

There will be a community training on PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) for social services providers on June 19.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Bergstein congratulated planners of the sober area at the 2014 LA PRIDE Festival.

Commissioner Oldershaw noted a new quarter begins in July for his school.

Commissioner Palmieri said it was good to see that meningitis vaccinations were being provided at PRIDE. He spoke about #SIZZLE!, the sober area at PRIDE, and about PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) and PrEP.

Commissioner Williams congratulated Commissioner Palmieri and Robert Gamboa on the success of #SIZZLE!. She attended a PrEP panel with Commissioner Palmieri, and the Pride Mayor's Reception. She also congratulated AIDS LifeCycle riders.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Corri Planck said a meeting on partner abuse will be held on June 28, and a social services informational pop-up will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on June 30 at the West Hollywood Farmers Market. She also noted there was an accessibility ramp for the City's PRIDE float, which made it easier for some to participate.

David Giugni spoke about the Dyke March, and the use of shuttles throughout the PRIDE festival.

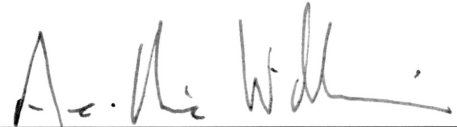
VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rick Watts congratulated Robert Gamboa on LifeCycle. He discussed the problem of crystal meth in the City, saying that there were seven different shops selling meth pipes on Santa Monica Boulevard. He suggested an ordinance requiring sellers of meth paraphernalia to include a palm card with information on resources, as well as a black box warning.

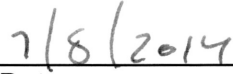
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Signed:



Anne-Marie Williams, Vice Chair



Date