

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2012
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Mark Zangrando at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Daphne Dennis.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Jimmy Palmieri, Bob Shepard, Anne-Marie Williams, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Heidi Shink.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Leslie Isenberg, Craig Rhea, David Giugni, and Jeff Book.

C. **POSTING OF AGENDA**

The secretary reported 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**

The minutes of the December 13, 2011, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Shepard.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING AUGMENTATIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES**

David Giugni reviewed the background of the funding availability, including the end of the contract with Rainbow Bridge, and the earlier allocation of \$30,000 to McIntyre House, with the remaining \$61,051 put out for proposals on substance abuse treatment services. After receiving four proposals, staff recommends \$41,051 to Friends Research Institute and \$20,000 to APLA.

Commissioners discussed the recommendations, and why the funds were recommended for allocation in this way. David Giugni said the allocations are what is required to keep both programs fully intact as proposed:

Jeff Bailey, director of client services at APLA, and Cathy Reback, senior research scientist with Friends Research Institute, spoke.

The Commission approved the recommendations as presented, on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Shepard.

B. UCLA CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH STUDY OF STATE SERVICES FOR SENIORS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Daphne Dennis said a year from now we will be looking at priorities for the next Request For Proposals for social services. The UCLA Center for Health Policy's study on state services for seniors living with disabilities is one study in that process. Given state budget developments, there are likely to be additional cuts to funding on that level.

Commissioner Zangrando asked when the Commission should consider a request to Council to increase funding for social services. Daphne Dennis said members may speak to Council members at any time, and that staff would discuss the timing on any formal request. This topic was placed on an upcoming agenda for further consideration.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. LA COUNTY HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE PLANNING COUNCILS

David Giugni spoke about the LA County Commission on HIV and the Prevention Planning Council, both of which include West Hollywood representation. This is Year 21 of Ryan White CARE Act funding. The Department of HIV and STD Programming is the successor to the Office of AIDS Program and Policy. He noted there is now a national HIV/AIDS strategy.

B. AGENCY VISITS

Commissioners discussed scheduling visits to social services agencies, including which agencies to visit, and which commissioners would be available to attend.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis spoke about the seniors' Valentine's Day lunch planned for the House of Blues.

Since the next meeting falls on Feb. 14 and some agency participants may be unavailable that day, the Commission decided to hold it on Monday, Feb. 13, instead.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Palmieri distributed information about a Tweakers survey regarding crystal meth. He also spoke about changes in Medi-Cal's organization, with clients being required to join the equivalent of an HMO.

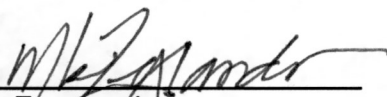
Commissioner Williams did a ride-along with PATH.

Commissioner Davis asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Rae Mitchell.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. in memory of Rae Mitchell.

Signed:



Mark Zangrando
