

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2013
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Shink led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **ROLL CALL**

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

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members included Daphne Dennis, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Corri Planck, Margarita Kustanovich and Jeff Book. Council Deputies Ian Owens and Michelle Rex were also present.

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 Dec. 11, 2012, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Shink.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **YEAR-END REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS**

David Giugni introduced the year-end report of social services programs for 2011-2012, and pointed out the increase in community members accessing services.

The Commission received comments from: 1. Velinda Mackey, Bet Tzedek Legal Services. 2. Alla Chasnik, Bet Tzedek. 3. Fred Summers, director of operations, SOVA Food Pantry. 4. Maribel Ulloa, Aid for AIDS. 5. Diane Schneider, JFS Nutrition. 6. Simon Costello, Gay & Lesbian Center Youth Services. 7. Drian Juarez, Gay & Lesbian Center Transgender program. 8. Susan Cohen, WeHo Life. 9. Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles. 10. Dahlia Ferlito, Friends Research Institute. 11. Ava Rose, Women Helping Women. 12. Judi Miller Levy, clinical program coordinator at

Women Helping Women. 13. David Kruskall, WHEST employment program. 14. Roger Coggan, Gay & Lesbian Center Legal Services. 15. Glenn Lindsey, Gay & Lesbian Center. 16. Dustin Kerone, Gay & Lesbian Center Sexual Health Program. 17. Christopher Brown, director of health and mental health services, Gay & Lesbian Center. 18. Steve Wayland, PAWS L.A. 19. Octavio Olivas, Dispute Resolution Services. 20. Herman, PATH. 21. Fr. Ian Davies, St. Thomas the Apostle. 22. Deacon Walter Johnson, St. Thomas the Apostle. 23. Robert, Project Angel Food. 24. Brian Hardin, McIntyre House. 25. Daniel Robison, Being Alive. 26. Jeff Bailey, AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Commissioners discussed the following aspects of the report:

- o Impact of court closures on the mediation services;
- o Positive numbers for mental health services for Lesbians;
- o Concern about lack of progress toward goal for medical services at The Saban Free Clinic and lack of reporting of outcome objective;
- o Importance of follow-up on WHEST clients after placement;
- o Status of condom distribution at some key venues, including the Abbey and Rage.

B. 2013 WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY STUDY UPDATE

Staff reported on the activities of the community study, including the randomly-mailed survey to be released on the 18th, pop-up workshops and focus groups scheduled for February, and the community meeting to be held on March 14th. Commissioners Davis, Palmieri, Williams and Zangrando volunteered to work with staff as a subcommittee on the community study.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. RFP SCHEDULE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Staff discussed the approach to the funding process to begin in the Spring. The Commission chose to hold the meeting to discuss its recommendations for funding on July 16 and determined that a subcommittee of the Commission should work with staff. Volunteers for the subcommittee were Heidi Shink, Steven Davis and Jimmy Palmieri.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Several Commissioners requested follow-up from staff at the next meeting with regard to the Saban Free Clinic's reporting.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff asked for volunteers to attend various Board and Commission meetings and the City Council to urge participation in the community study process. Corri Planck arranged to contact those interested and set up a schedule.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next Human Services Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.

