

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JULY 6, 2010
PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Deb Farmer at 6:08 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in Rooms 5 and 6 of Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd.

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Zangrando.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Debra Farmer, Charles Henry, Shirley Roberts, Hywel Sims, Mark Zangrando.
Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. City staff members present included Sam Baxter, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, 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 June 8, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The minutes of the June 22, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Henry, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, with Commissioners Cislowski and Farmer abstaining due to absence from that meeting.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

IV. **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Daphne Dennis said proposals had been received from 32 agencies that would like to provide social services to the West Hollywood community. She presented staff recommendations for the 2010-2013 period, including an increase of at least 2% for every program in good standing, which would result in additional hours of STD testing, counseling and treatment; increased food and nutrition resources for people living with life-threatening illnesses and for low-income residents; dental services expansion; outreach to youth ages 18-25; residential substance abuse recovery services; increased employment services; a part-time pre-school teacher to address licensing requirements for playtime supervision; additional rental assistance to persons living with AIDS; and expanded support programs.

The staff recommendation is for \$90,986 to Aid for AIDS; \$141,406 to APLA Positive Self-Management; \$78,444 to APLA Dental; \$33,285 to AVIVA Family & Children's Services; \$98,206 to Being Alive; \$113,168 to Bet Tzedek; \$54,387 to Dispute Resolution Services; \$108,438 to Friends HIV Education; \$67,626 to Friends Outpatient; \$24,462 to GLC Legal; \$122,413 to GLC Mental Health; \$167,459 to GLC Sexual Health Program; \$54,387 to GLC Transgender; \$127,944 to GLC WeHo Life; \$82,112 to GLC Youth; \$717,278 to JFS Comprehensive Services; \$304,614 to JFS Nutrition; \$74,142 to JFS SOVA; \$160,448 to JVS WHEST; \$36,181 to McIntyre House; \$19,000 to NCJW Light Up a Library; \$60,000 to NCJW Women Helping Women; \$323,058 to PATH; \$89,329 to Pathways; \$52,643 to PAWS/LA; \$71,352 to Project Angel Food; \$68,601 to Rainbow Bridge Community Services; \$81,436 to Russian Community Center; \$180,677 to Saban Free Clinic; and \$16,446 to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. This does not include Prop A transportation funds for JFS Partners, or \$47,061 in CDBG funding for PATH. For urgent funds, the staff Recommendation is \$2,500 to Friends/HIV Education; \$22,500 to JFS/Comp Services; \$15,000 to NCJW/Women Helping Women; and \$10,000 to PATH.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

The chair declared the public hearing open, and the Commission accepted public comment from: (1) Helena Goldenberg, for Russian Community Center; (2) Jerry Pitts, for Project Angel Food; (3) Fr. James Lee Walker, for Project Angel Food; (4) Melissa Tillman for NCJW; (5) Monica Brennar, for NCJW; (6) Brandon Brennar, for NCJW; (7) Ava Rose, Women Helping Women; (8) Leah Ziskin, NCJW; (9) Hillary Selvin, NCJW; (10) Mike Murphy, Being Alive; (11) Rebecca Talmadge, PAWS L.A.; (12) Alina Maldonado, JFS Nutrition; (13) Ann Thorne, JFS Nutrition; (14) Magdona Fischer, JFS Nutrition; (15) Fred Summers, SOVA; (16) Alex Demay, SOVA; (17) Vicente Puga, SOVA; (18) Casey Stern, SOVA; (19) Brian Glover, Being Alive; (20) statement read on behalf of Johanna Malaret, GLC Mental Health; (21) Maribel Ulloa, Aid for AIDS; and (22) Noel Shaffer, Aid for AIDS.

Continuing with (23) Lidiya Druz, Russian Center citizenship classes, with translation by Olga Ivanova; (24) Vera Nikovska, citizenship classes; (25) Velinda Mackey, Bet Tzedek; (26) Gina Efros, Bet Tzedek; (27) Seth Randall, Bet


Tzedek; (28) Yola Doré; (29) Marta, on behalf of West Hollywood Pre-School; (30) Jennifer Flores, West Hollywood Pre-School; (31) Sephora Bran, West Hollywood Pre-School; (32) Scorpio, JFS; (33) Isabelle Khitarishvili, Russian Community Center; (34) Furkat Ibrasimov, Russian Community Center; (35) Curt Shepard, GLC Youth; (36) Monica Brenen, Rosewood Elementary; (37) Cory Harris, GLC Youth; (38) Cassie Brosell, GLC Youth; (39) Diane Kubrin, GLC Mental Health; (40) Byron Potts, GLC; (41) Josh Riley, Friends Research Institute; (42) Jessica Soriano, APLA; (43) Craig Coogan, St. Thomas the Apostle; (44) Fr. Ian Elliott Davies, St. Thomas the Apostle; and (45) Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Services. There was a 10-minute break.

The Commission then accepted public comment from: (46) David Kruskall, WHEST; (47) Lynda Gerber, WHEST; (48) John Michael, WHEST; (49) Mickie Robbins, APLA Mental Health; (50) Cheryl Connolly, APLA Positive Self-Management; (51) John Riley, APLA; (52) Jeanne Dobrin; (53) Octavio Olivas, Dispute Resolution Services; (54) Michael Kernan, DRS; (55) Debora Ruiz, DRS; (56) Rose Kesten, DRS; (57) Tomaz Zamudio, McIntyre House; (58) Jim Wynn, McIntyre House; (59) Fire Riegel, McIntyre House; (60) Rae Mitchell; (61) Robin Conerly, WH Community Housing Corp.; (62) Thomas Mann, WH Community Housing Corp.; (63) Maya Belyansky, WH Community Housing Corp.; (64) Peter Purtell, WH Community Housing Corp.; (65) Anson Snyder, WH Community Housing Corp.; (66) Drian Juarez, GLC Transgender Economic Empowerment Program; (67) Shane Louisell, GLC Transgender; (68) Janelle Wright, GLC Transgender; (69) Michael Mendelson, GLC Transgender; (70) Troy Erick, GLC Transgender; (71) Victoria Ruiz, GLC Transgender, with translator Drian Juarez; (72) Hannah Howard, GLC Transgender; (73) Ira Kruskol, Aviva Family & Children's Services; (74) Jeannie Lawler, Aviva Safe Program; (75) Anthony Gutierrez, GLC Sexual Health; (76) Ashley Aruda, JFS Connect Program; (77) Stephen Sadler, Saban Free Clinic; (78) Mauro Guzman, Saban Free Clinic, on behalf of Janice Leverette; (79) Esther Baum, on behalf of Saban Free Clinic; (80) Norman Chramoff, Saban Free Clinic; (81) Matthew Silverstein, APLA; (82) Ronnie Wade, PATH; (83) Herman Osorio, PATH; (84) Stephanie Poshby, PATH; (85) Patricia Ciampa, PATH; (86) Fred Vanacore, JFS Connect; (87) Dennis Bratton, Rainbow Bridge Community Services; (88) Brad Leathers, Rainbow Bridge; (89) Jerome Larson, Rainbow Bridge; (90) Michael Meadows, Rainbow Bridge; (91) Bill Kingsbury, Rainbow Bridge; (92) Helen Levin, Russian Community Center; and (93) Olga Ivanova, Russian Community Center.

This concluded public comment. Commissioner Henry moved to adjourn and to carry over the remaining agenda items to the next meeting, which is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, in Plummer Park Rooms 5 and 6. This was seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Signed: 
Steven L. Davis

Attest: 