

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2008**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Chuck Henry at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

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, Hywel Sims, Mark Zangrando.

Not Present: Shirley Roberts.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff members present included Craig Rhea, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, 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 request form.

II. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 11, 2007, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Farmer, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

III. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **REPORT FROM AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION**

Daniel Rivas of AIDS Healthcare Foundation provided an update on the monthly report from AHF, noting somewhat lower numbers that they hope are attributable to the holiday season. Commissioner Henry asked for the number of positive test results for STDs to be included. Probation for this agency continues through March, with staff making a recommendation on the contract at the April meeting.

B. REPORT FROM WEHO LIFE

Susan Klein of the Gay & Lesbian Center reported on condom distribution, online community, and webisode production on behalf of the WeHo Life program. The webisode is expected to be available online within a week. Commissioner Henry discussed the “ask the expert” part of the goal, and the agency representative responded to how they expect to meet this.

C. REPORT FROM RAINBOW ALTERNATIVES

Brian Walmouth of Rainbow Alternatives discussed their 12-step sex addiction program, and other aspects of their program. Commissioner Henry spoke about the importance of flexibility in treatment options and care for the participants.

D. REPORT FROM CONNECT PROGRAM

Two representatives from Jewish Family Services discussed the Connect Program. Commissioner Henry said the Commission was glad this kind of program is happening, and recommended that for the upcoming RFP process, the agency consider the possibility of car assistance as well as public transportation options.

E. NAMING OF URGENT NEEDS FUND

Commissioner Davis discussed issues involved in naming the program after a donor or person of significance in the human services field. A supplemental report with three options for naming and reasons behind the options will be presented to the Commission in the next couple of months.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSFER OF CONTRACT FOR HIV PREVENTION OUTREACH SERVICES FROM VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE TO FRIENDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

As anticipated last month, staff recommended the transfer of the HIV prevention outreach services contract from Van Ness Recovery House to Friends Research Institute. This would be for 8/12 of the annual amount. Cathy Reback explained the Institute’s preparation and approach to the contract. Commissioner Farmer moved to recommend transfer of the contract. This was seconded by Commissioner Zangrando and approved.

B. PROJECT YIMBY AND WEST HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS CENSUS

Leslie Isenberg reported on the Dec. 5-6 event in which 88 homeless people were identified in West Hollywood, and 33 went to SOVA Food Pantry for direct help and connection to services.

C. IN OUR VILLAGE – WEST HOLLYWOOD

Leslie Isenberg reported on the In Our Village program. Commissioner Cislowski said it was a good opportunity to show Council what the Childrens Roundtable accomplishes.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Henry wished Commissioner Zangrando a happy birthday.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

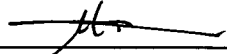
David Giugni said the contract savings amount is planned to come before the Commission at the next meeting, and that a memo is going to the advisory boards chairs to remind them of the joint study session on social services needs, also next month.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

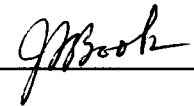
There were no additional items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Signed:   
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Steven L. Davis

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