

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**

**FIRST-FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Meltzer at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the First-Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cynthia Blatt.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Ruth Cislowski, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick

Not Present: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Davis requested that the report on Agency Development Funding Awards be moved to Excluded Consent. With this change, the agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Vice Chair Shandrick.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Commissioner Shandrick asked for the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2017, under Item 4.A., to reflect that several Commissioners were concerned by the comparatively low amount of individuals in treatment from the fee-for-service agencies (Safe Refuge and Tarzana Treatment Center). There was no objection to this amendment, and the revised minutes of the February 14, 2017, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Davis.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Cynthia Blatt said she was concerned about the impact of Federal budget cuts, including housing, Section 8, and V.A. supportive housing. She asked for messages to Congress, and said the City may need to look more closely at money in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

2. Robert Gamboa, liaison from Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, spoke about this year's Rainbow Key awards, and the Board's focus on lesbian visibility, LGBT future, and LGBT youth. The Board plans to be proactive on legislative matters.
3. Jamie Baker, of Being Alive, spoke about the waiting list for mental health services.
4. Adria Rodriguez introduced herself as a new community organizer with the West Hollywood Project, which works on #SIZZLE! and #BOOM!.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AWARDS

This item was moved to Excluded Consent.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Public Relations Subcommittee (Commissioners Borelli, Meltzer, and Shandrick) spoke about having a video about the City's social services programs. David Giugni said there will be funding from the City. Commissioner Meltzer invited other ideas from Commissioners. Commissioner Davis asked how this would be disseminated. Commissioner Cislowski recommended venues with people who don't normally come to meetings; asking providers to show it to clients; and using National Night Out for visibility.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION FROM NEW SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS: PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES

Leslie Isenberg introduced what will be a series of presentations from social services providers who are new to funding from the City of West Hollywood. Pamela Gabourie and Noushi Mortazavi spoke about Planned Parenthood's West Hollywood-based services. They said there has been a marked increase in demand for services since the November 2016 election. They spoke about PEP and PrEP. Commissioner Cislowski invited new providers to give feedback on the City's funding process. Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the protocol for PEP prescriptions on Saturdays. Noushi Mortazavi said gonorrhea has increased, and syphilis has increased slightly. Commissioner Shandrick asked about differences in clients between the Hollywood and West Hollywood location, and the representatives said the West Hollywood client base is more similar to Santa Monica clients, in comparison to Hollywood clients.

B. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION CALENDAR OF AGENDA ITEMS

David Giugni discussed the anticipated calendar of Human Services Commission items for this year. Commissioner Meltzer thanked Commissioner Shandrick for recommending having a calendar.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AWARDS

David Giugni said the City's agency development funding began as a way to help small agencies be able to plan. This year there are four grants. Commissioner Davis spoke about having an outside panelist/reviewer, and Commissioner Borelli concurred. The staff report was received and filed on a motion by Commissioner Cislowski, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni provided information on outreach held at the West Hollywood Library. Corri Planck will report further as part of the update on the homeless initiative.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robert Gamboa said he was glad about the discussion to publicize social services programs with a video.
2. Tory Berger spoke about a homeless outreach meeting; about Moonlight Walks, which Transgender Advisory Board is involved with; and about Block by Block.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Anderson said she met with Tarzana Treatment Center leaders.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the AHF information van and PrEP cards. David Giugni said that Derek Murray has called their program manager about this.

Commissioner Borelli spoke about visiting Ascencia, and said they had discussed bedbugs among other things. He congratulated Commissioner Palmieri on the 10-year anniversary of Tweakers.

Commissioner Cislowski said Ascencia was very impressive.

Commissioner Shandrick attended a Men's Health Foundation meeting on PEP and PrEP, and asked if Derek Murray could get a copy of the information. He said there has been good adoption by some young men, with a drop in the infection rate among younger white men, but not among black men.

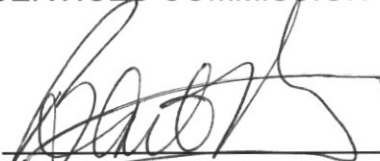
Commissioner Meltzer attended Senior Advisory Board, which had a presentation from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She is interested in first responder training, especially regarding dementia. She spoke about Silver Alert. She attended a Wellness at Any Age meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

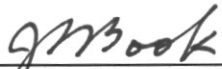
The next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in the First-Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2017.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary