

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**DECEMBER 12, 2017
6:00 PM**

**FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Patrick Shandrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Barbara Meltzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Nate Clark, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Diane Kahn-Epstein, and Jeff Book.

Note: Commissioner Anderson joined the meeting in progress.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Davis requested that Item 2.A., Agency Development Grant Funding Awards, be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Without objection it was moved to Item 5.A., Excluded Consent Calendar.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda for December 12, 2017, as amended. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote, with Commissioner Anderson not yet present.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017, meeting. Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote, with Commissioner Anderson not yet present.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jamie Baker, mental health and wellness program manager for Being Alive L.A., spoke about their current programs and staff.
2. Drian Juarez, leader of the LA Gay & Lesbian Center's TEEP program, provided a handout on their current projects.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Item 2.A., Agency Development Grant Funding, had been moved to Item 5.A. under Excluded Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS 2016-17

Subject: The Human Services Commission will receive and discuss the year-end report on Social Services contract programs.

David Giugni presented the Year-End Report on Social Services Programs, noting that there are five new organizations this year. He said 10,925 community members had been served, and reviewed this group by age, language in the home, and gender.

Commissioner Anderson joined the meeting at this point.

Staff discussed the reasons for placing Being Alive and the LGBT Center Mental Health program on probation, a status which includes a higher level of staff attention during the period of probation. Staff highlighted data and information about all of the Social Services agencies, including areas where agencies were above or below goal for this time period.

Commissioners posed questions to staff, and in some cases to agency representatives, about matters related to the year-end report, including PEP and PrEP medications; homeless programs; the nature of fiscal audits for the agencies; and what steps agencies will take to have more progress toward contract goals.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGY E: CREATE A COORDINATED SYSTEM

Subject: The Human Services Commission will receive and discuss a presentation regarding Strategy E: Create a Coordinated System.

Corri Planck discussed how West Hollywood's actions on homelessness are affected by the Los Angeles County system, and introduced Colleen Murphy, outreach coordinator for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA); Jesus Torres, associate director of Metro LA outreach and Service Planning Area (SPA) 4 outreach for PATH; and Simon Costello and Kris Nameth of the LA LGBT Center's Children, Youth and Family Services.

Staff and agency representatives spoke about the Coordinated Entry System (CES), which is part of a Homeless Initiative approved by the Board of Supervisors in February 2016. West Hollywood is part of SPA 4.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

5.A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING AWARDS

Subject: The Human Services Commission will receive a report on the funding awards for Social Service Agency Development Grants.

Commissioner Davis said the Human Services Commission should be aware of requests for this funding, and be involved in awarding the funds. David Giugni said these grants are determined by staff because they are in a different line item from the Social Services Contracts which the Commission makes recommendations about to the City Council. He said there will quarterly reports from agencies who receive these funds.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff discussed the upcoming Homeless Count, to be held in January 2018, and invited people to sign up on the LAHSA website if they would like to participate. Staff discussed a Hepatitis A vaccination clinic held with Los Angeles County and AIDS Healthcare Foundation, and the clothing drive to be held in January for the LGBT Center's Youth program. Staff said the February 5, 2018, City Council meeting is a study session on homelessness.

David Giugni said the Year-End Report on Social Services programs will be going to the City Council in February. He spoke about the World AIDS Day event on December 1st, and thanked everyone who was able to attend.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yola Dore spoke about concern that the recently adopted Federal tax legislation will result in increased medical costs, and how this will affect West Hollywood's programs; about how to increase visibility for the PEP and PrEP programs; and how her neighborhood is affected by the homeless population.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis spoke about the ongoing challenge of community members who are food-challenged and/or housing-challenged.

Commissioner Clark spoke about doing the tour by the West Hollywood Housing Corporation, which was very informative. He spoke about the impact of education and what role the City should play in it, and said he is planning to ask Councilmember Lindsey Horvath to put together a working group on education.

Commissioner Meltzer attended a generation-to-generation conference focused on encouraging older adults to volunteer in ways that benefit younger people. She spoke about attending the World AIDS Day event. She asked for appointment of new liaisons to boards and commissions to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Palmieri said the #BOOM! New Year's Eve event is coming up on December 31 at West Hollywood Park Auditorium. He spoke about the World AIDS Day event; a screening of "BPM (Beats Per Minute)," a film about AIDS activism in Paris in the early 1990s; and about the need for American Sign Language (ASL) as a skill for outreach teams.

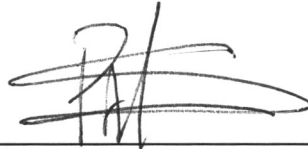
Commissioner Borelli said he will discuss a Public Relations Subcommittee at the next meeting.

Commissioner Shandrick attended the HIV/substance abuse providers meeting, as well as a meeting on homeless outreach. He said perhaps representation from the Sheriff's Office could attend an upcoming Human Services Commission meeting when homeless outreach is on the agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT


On a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously approved, the Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:58 pm to its next regular meeting, which is at 6 pm, Tuesday, January 9, 2018, in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary