

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Palmieri.

**A. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg,  
Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri

**ABSENT:** Sam Borelli

**STAFF:** David Giugni, Derek Murray, Joyce Britton

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION: Motion by Vice Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Darvish MOTION PASSED.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Darvish MOTION PASSED.**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alan Montes, Los Angeles LGBT Center, spoke about the programs and services offered by the LA LGBT Center.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE**

The Human Services Commission received an update on the work of the Los Angeles County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health Collaborative from July 2021 through June 2022.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKFORCE OUTREACH PLAN AND ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY UPDATE**

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from the City's Social Services Division on plans for an awareness campaign targeting people of color working in West Hollywood. Staff also provided an update on the implementation of other recommendations from the recent needs assessment focusing on community members of color.

Result of recommendation – People of color having a lower awareness of

services offered by the City than their white counterparts; develop an awareness campaign for people of color working in West Hollywood and build a stronger relationship with the workforce community.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no Unfinished Business.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, mentioned that Social Services has taken the lead on the monkeypox vaccination clinic set up by LA County and announced that it's been going well. He made an adjournment motion to adjourn in memory of Leslie Isenberg's mother, Harlene Crane.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Chavez, West Hollywood resident, congratulated the staff on the initiative to reach out to people of color. He spoke about communities of color being historically marginalized and spoke about how important it is get the word out about the services offered.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Davis mentioned that he would like his box of RFP's picked up in the same manner it was delivered to him. He also requested to have a commissioner conversation on how to improve the RFP process and discuss things that worked and what didn't work.

Commissioner Byers spoke about the National Night Out block parties that she attended and noted one social service contracted provider in attendance. She mentioned that events like this would be a good opportunity for social services agencies to connect with the broader community.

Commissioner Freiberg spoke about the meal voucher programs as a way of pumping funds back into the businesses since covid and suggested the City partner with businesses to offer that program.

Commissioner Darvish spoke about National Smile Day and encouraged everyone to smile. He thanked the staff for the focus on the people of color and the outreach that was being done. He mentioned the global challenge of communication across the board.

Vice Chair Meltzer mentioned that she's now serving on a board that helps to fight ageism by creating an ageism awareness day on October 7. She asked the Board if they were interested in hearing someone come and speak on the subject.

The Commission held a vote on three items:

The motion by Commissioner Davis, Seconded by Commissioner Freiberg to approve the RFP debrief in October was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The motion by Vice Chair Meltzer, Seconded by Commissioner Davis to have someone speak about ageism was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The motion by Commissioner Davis, Seconded by Chair Palmieri to participate in a focus group was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Chair Palmieri requested to have the Los Angeles LGBT Center's new staff in charge of Recovery Services, Alan Montes, present to the Commission in September, Recovery Month.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 7:11 pm in memory of Harlene Crane to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm via teleconference.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

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Chair

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Liaison