

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Palmieri called the meeting to order at 6pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator, led the pledge of allegiance.
 - B. **ROLL CALL**

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

STAFF: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Katie Egan, Dee Saunders
 - C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The Human Services Commission approved the meeting agenda for July 12, 2022.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, noting a no vote from Commissioner Davis.
 - D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The Human Services Commission approved the minutes of the June 14, 2022, Human Services Commission meeting with clarification of Commissioner comments from Commissioner Freiberg.

ACTION: Motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, noting an abstention from Commissioner Darvish.
 - E. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Linda del Rio spoke in support of TransLatina Coalition and the services they provide to the Trans community.

Yola Dore, West Hollywood resident, spoke in support of JFS, Bet Tzedek, food/nutrition services, and transit services the City provides.

Elsa Johnson spoke in support of TransLatina Coalition and the services they provide to the Trans community.

Bamby Salcedo, TransLatina Coalition, thanked the City and Social Services Division for the opportunity to serve the West Hollywood community. She also spoke about the TRUE program's success with servicing community.

Clifford Roberts, Step Up and West Hollywood resident, thanked the City, Commission, and Social Services staff for their support. He also spoke on the success of Step Up and servicing community members experiencing homelessness.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. TRANS CAN WORK STATUS REPORT

The Human Services Commission received a status report on Trans Can Work.

ACTION: Received and filed.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REVIEW OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROPOSALS

The Human Services Commission's process for the review of Social Services proposals included an opportunity to submit questions in writing to City staff and applicants for responses. Remaining questions were discussed during the course of the meeting.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided background information on the RFP process and opened the floor to receive questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Freiberg, as a response to community inquiry, asked about sexual assault and DV services and staff highlighted the differences in services proposed by applicants.

Varina Bleil, Maple Counseling, addressed the Commission and spoke on the need for mental health services.

Kiera Pollock, LA LGBT Center, thanked the Commission and Social Services staff for support of Senior Services. Kiera spoke on issues addressed with community members in need and the effects of COVID.

Amy Kane, LA LGBT Center, spoke on their STOP violence and mental health services proposal and the need to address victims of crime and IPV services offered.

Rob Lester, Men's Health, thanked the City for the opportunity to serve community members and provided PrEP PeP service updates.

Marcell Mitchell, Ascencia, thanked the Commission for considering their proposal and talked about services they provide.

Liza Ceballos, TransLatin@ Coalition TRUE Program, thanked the Commission and provided an update on services the agency provides to community members in need.

Lexi Adsit, TransCanWork, thanked the Commission and shared how they are eager to continue service to community members.

Michael Hochman, Healthcare in Action, provided the Commission with background information on their agency.

Asher Landau, Hollywood Food Coalition, praised Healthcare in Action, and provided background information on their agency.

Bamby Salcedo, TransLatina, provided background information on services their agency provides and shared how they are looking forward to enhancing current services to continue to meet community needs.

Clifford Roberts, Step Up, thanked the Commission for reviewing their proposal and spoke on services currently provided and looking forward to continued service to community.

Marina Berkman, Jewish Family Services, thanked the City and Commission for their support and acknowledged the importance being able to continue to provide services to community members.

Commissioner Borelli thanked the applicants for taking the time to prepare a proposal and the desire to address community needs. Thanked staff for their hard work and dedication and the commission for reviewing everything.

B. RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION ANNUAL UPDATE

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from staff of the City's Rent Stabilization Division which included information on the current state of COVID-19 related tenant protections, the rent increase freeze, important changes to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance & Regulations, and resources available to West Hollywood tenants and landlords.

ACTION: Received presentation and discussed.

Jonathan Holub, Rent Stabilization Manager, provided an annual update on the Rent Stabilization Division.

Commissioner Borelli asked about on-site manager requirements and the Ellis Act. He also asked about the current inclusionary housing waitlist.

Commissioner Byers asked about on-site manager qualifications and trainings. She also inquired when the City opens the waitlist.

Commissioner Darvish thanked Jonathan Holub for the presentation and shared his own experiences with RSH and Ellis Act rulings. He asked about the City's record keeping of previous tenants.

Commissioner Freiberg thanked Jonathan Holub for the presentation.

Vice Chair Meltzer thanked Jonathan Holub for the presentation.

Chair Palmieri thanked Jonathan Holub for the presentation and asked for clarification on on-site manager availability and acceptable pets.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no Unfinished Business Items.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided a monkeypox update which included the availability of vaccination.

Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator provided an update on outreach to agencies that provide affordable pet care services to community members.

Commissioner Borelli asked about TransCanWork's probation. Staff replied there was a virtual file review because of probationary status. David Giugni stated with currently contracted agencies, staff considers the current state of the agency when making recommendations for service.

The Human Services Commission voted to continue virtual meetings through September 2022. **Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Vice Chair Meltzer with a no vote from Commissioner Davis.**

Commissioner Borelli reminded the Commission of public comment speaking time and asked if the Commission could encourage community attendance for the Public Hearing Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Martha Gomez, TransCanWork, provided updates on changes made from the probation period and

Bamby Salcedo, TransLatina Coalition, spoke in support of TransCanWork.

Jovan Wolf, TransCanWork, spoke on the current work and changes the agency is implementing and how they are continuing to address community needs.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Byers thanked staff, applicants / service providers, and fellow Commissioners for their work during the RFP process.

Commissioner Darvish thanked staff for their work on the RFP preparation and healthcare needs to be addressed. He recognized July as Disability Pride month.

Commissioner Freiberg thanked Joan Mithers for research on pet services. She suggested for the RFP process to include a requirement to contracted agencies to use environmentally friendly products and asked about the editing of questions submitted by commissioners to be reviewed.

Commissioner Davis adjourned in honor Ruth Williams, West Hollywood resident, Carlos Rios from AHF and Don McCallum, husband of a former Human Services Commissioner. Lastly, he wished Commissioner Borelli and Vice Chair Meltzer a happy belated birthday.

Commissioner Borelli thanked Commissioner Davis the birthday wishes and the adjournments. He thanked TransCanWork public commenters for their input, updates and support.


Vice Chair Meltzer thanked staff for their hard work, dedication and patience during the RFP process.

Chair Palmieri asked for clarification of giving direction to staff.


9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:06pm to a special meeting to be held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 19, 2022 via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 26TH
DAY OF JULY 2022.

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