

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY, 13, 2026  
PLUMMER PARK - ROOMS 5 & 6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Commissioner Eyres read the Land Acknowledgment.

**A. ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Commissioner Adolphson

Commissioner Eyres

Commissioner Palmieri

Commissioner Wyville

Vice-Chair Borelli

Chair Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner Steele

ALSO Teree Carter, Human Services Manager

PRESENT: Derek Murray, Social Services Supervisor

Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Supervisor

DeeA'na Saunders, Social Services Program Administrator

Francisco Gomez, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator

Isaac Arredondo, Social Services Program Administrator

Jenny Ivanova, Acting Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator

Maribel Ulloa, Social Services Program Administrator

Michelle Liberman, Social Services Program Administrator

Amy Valdepeña, Human Services Specialist

Katherine Fierro, Commission Secretary, Social Services Specialist

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Vice Chair Borelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting

agenda for January 13, 2026.

**ACTION:** Approved the agenda on January 13, 2026. Moved by Vice-Chair Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Adolphson and unanimously approved by roll call vote, noting the absence of Commissioner Steele.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Human Services Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** Approved the minutes of December 9, 2025. Motion by Vice-Chair Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Eyers, and passed unanimously by roll call vote, noting the absence of Commissioner Steele.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**STEVEN L. DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD**, thanked the Commission for the Paul Andrew Stark Warrior Awards event. Highlighted its importance for long-term survivors of HIV and city's progress since the beginning of the AIDS crisis. Noted the AIDS quilt panel for Mac McCoy (former recording secretary for Human Services Commission), and requested the meeting adjourn in memory of Mac McCoy.

**YOLA DORA, WEST HOLLYWOOD**, -The Disabilities Advisory Board (DAB) liaison, invited commissioners and liaisons to DAB meetings that will resume fourth Wednesday of every month. Noted that people with disabilities are present across nearly every funded service category.

Public comment closed at 6:06 PM

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING: None.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. AWARD OF 2025-26 AGENCY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

The Human Services Commission received a report on the Agency Development Grant Request for Proposal for the 2025–26 funding cycle. Jenny Ivanova, Acting Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator and Francisco Gomez, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator, presented recommendations as presented in the staff report.

Seven proposals received requesting a total of \$87,500; evaluation by cross-divisional committee; recommended awards to two agencies for maximum impact. Staff recommended Pathways LA and Healthcare in Action.

Pathways LA: Recommended \$12,500 for strategic planning, review of data management review, staff/board development, and evaluation framework to support expansion.

Healthcare in Action: \$12,500 for targeted training/certification, clinical consultation in crisis de-escalation, domestic violence response, and HIV prevention and care.

Commissioners praised focusing funds on bigger grants for smaller groups of organizations and willingness to support recommendations.

ACTION: Motion by Chair Williams to appoint Commissioner Eyres to speak in support of staff recommendations at the City Council meeting and seconded by Commissioner Adolphson. Motion passed unanimously, noting the absence of Commissioner Steele.

**B. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2026 WORKPLAN**

The Human Services Commission reviewed the schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations for 2026.

Amy Valdepeña, Human Services Specialist, presented 2026 workplan schedule, as presented in the staff report. Discussion focused on the televised meeting for May 12, 2026; adding to work plan Pathways LA presentation and a strategic plan on early childhood development; removing the Commission feedback session from May; reducing bus subsidy to a brief presentation.

ACTIONS (1) Motion by Commissioner Wyville, seconded by Commissioner Eyres to add Pathways LA presentation about its strategic plan on early childhood development to the Workplan. Motion passed unanimously, noting absence of Commissioner Steele.

(2) Motion to approve Human Service Commission 2026 workplan as amended by Commissioner Wyville and seconded by Commissioner Adolphson. Motion passed unanimously, noting the absence of Commissioner Steele.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS – CONTRACT YEAR 2024–2025**

The Human Services Commission received the Year-End Report on Social Services Programs for the 2024–2025 contract year from staff member Derek Murray, Social Services Supervisor. A verbal report and slide deck was presented to Commissioners as presented in the staff report.

Commissioners requested breakdowns in age, year-over-year condom trends, unhoused access to sexual health, legal services capacity for rental assistance (Bet Tzedek), medical detox options, and clarification for nutrition waitlist times for food service programs and on ways to expand capacity to meet demands for meal programs.

Maribel Ulloa, Human Services Program Administrator, addressed rental assistance from Bet Tzedek and stating there is no indication that anyone is being turned away from Bet Tzedek's services.

Derek Murray, Social Services Supervisor, addressed detox options. Clarification was made that medical detox is covered under Drug Medi-Cal to individuals with Medi-Cal. Clarification was also provided on condom distribution numbers from the previous year from WeHo LIFE. It was noted that WeHo LIFE exceeded their goal in both contract years (2024 and 2025).

DeeA'na Saunders, Social Services Program Administrator, addressed clarification for the nutrition waitlist times for food service programs stating that the program has limited availability because spots are "spoken for" until a current recipient passes away. Additional clarification given on congregate meals remaining open and accessible, while home-delivered meals are the restricted component with long waits.

Vice-Chair Borelli commented on the city's outreach and impact, including the number of individuals reached and adequacy of food portions.

Teree Carter, Human Services Manager, updated Vice-Chair Borelli on Pathway expansion stating the city is exploring expansion options despite challenges with Title 22 requirements.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

**6. EXCLUDED CONSENT NONE**

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Teree Carter, Social Services Manager, shared that the Community Health Hubs item to Council is being delayed due to unexpected costs for equipment and highlighted long-term funding questions once the opioid settlement reserves have been exhausted.

Televised meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

First-quarter program reports delayed until mid-February because of new electronic reporting system launching at the end of January.

Commissioners were encouraged to participate in the 2026 Greater LA Homeless Count by contacting Jenny Ivanova, Acting Strategic Initiatives

Program Administrator.

Commissioners were invited to attend the upcoming Homelessness Subcommittee meeting on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. to review Holloway Q1 data and homelessness concern line metrics.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Wyville** Thanked staff for informative year-end report; noted completion of 3-year cycle.

**Commissioner Eyers** Thanked staff for great reporting and praised city for effective approach.

**Commissioner Adolphson** Reiterated gratitude and excitement for grantees' success in 2026.

**Commissioner Palmieri** Spoke on his annual holiday outreach to unhoused individuals. Commended Chair Williams for her remarks at the Paul Stark Warrior Awards.

**Vice-Chair Borelli** Acknowledged former Commissioner Davis's visit and support for Paul Stark Warrior Awards; requested adjournment in memory of former City staff Mac McCoy. Invited attendees to DAB meeting on January 28. Presented birthday card to Yola Dore.

**Chair Williams** Thanked staff for Paul Stark Awards and stated she attended the Council reorganization. Thanked commissioners and praised team amid national darkness. Requested adjournment request to Renee Nicole Goode.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission adjourned in memory of Mac McCoy and Renee Nicole Goode at 7:02 p.m. to its next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5&6.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Signed by:

*Anne-Marie Williams*

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ANNE-MARIE WILLIAMS,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Signed by:

*Tene Carter*

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STAFF LIAISON

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