

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
625 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Jimmy Palmieri at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2015, in the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, 625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Drían Juarez.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Steven L. Davis,
Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri.

Not Present: Ruth Cislowski, Patrick Shandrick.

A quorum was present at all times. Staff present included Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Borelli asked that Item 2.A., 2015-2016 Agency Development Funding Awards, be moved from the Consent Calendar to become Item 5.A. under Excluded Consent. With this change, the agenda was moved by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, and approved

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, 2015, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Park Smith spoke about The E.A.T.S. Community (Entertainers Advocating True Sustainability), which produces humorous one-minute films on environment and food. They are interested in collaborating on projects of mutual interest.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES, 2014-2015

David Giugni welcomed representatives from the City's social services programs and thanked them for their work during this year.

Public Comment: Drian Juarez of the LA LGBT Center's Transgender Economic Empowerment Program (TEEP) spoke about the success of the Trans Job Fair, in which 41 employers participated, an increase over last year.

Public Comment: Kyle Andrew of Tarzana Treatment Center expressed appreciation for the City's support, and said that there is space available for HIV-positive persons in need of Tarzana Treatment Center's services.

Public Comment: Marguerite Womack of Jewish Vocational Services spoke about their programs and activities this year.

David Giugni said this was the second year of the City's three-year social services funding cycle, and provided additional experience with the effects of the Affordable Care Act. He thanked agencies particularly for their prompt response when there was a need of evacuation due to a flood in a residential building. He also spoke about continuing work on pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP and PrEP). He said that at the January 2016 meeting, staff will propose a calendar for the next Request For Proposals (RFP) process, which will begin in May 2016.

David Giugni said the City looks for agencies to accomplish 80%-100% of their goals by year-end, and that staff has asked representatives from any agencies that didn't reach that level to be present and available to answer questions at this meeting. He explained three attachments to the agenda, which provide agency-by-agency summary of the year's accomplishments, and demographic information about those using social services.

Corri Planck, Leslie Isenberg, and Derek Murray reviewed each of the Social Services programs, noting any particular challenges a program may have faced. Corri Planck's group included HIV prevention, substance abuse and recovery, PATH, the LGBT Center's TEEP program, and Bet Tzedek. Leslie Isenberg's group included Shelter Plus Care, Housing Works, JFS Nutrition, SOVA Food Pantry, NCJW rental assistance, the Comprehensive Services Center, the LGBT Center's Senior Services, Saban Community Clinic, NCJW youth educational programs, and West Hollywood Pre-School. Derek Murray's group included Aid for AIDS, Being Alive, AIDS Project Los Angeles, the LGBT Center's Sexual Health program, WeHo Life, Project Angel Food, and PAWS.

Public Comment: Dan Morin said that the JVS employment services program should be more honest with older participants about the difficulty of finding employment, so they don't develop a false sense of security in hopes that they will soon be employed.

Commissioners thanked the agency representatives and had no further questions at that time. David Giugni said the Year-End Report will be going to the City Council on December 21.

There was a brief recess.

B. AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Elizabeth Savage provided an update on development of the Aging in Place/Aging in Community 5-Year Strategic Plan, and introduced three consultants who have helped or are helping with the project: Elizabeth Sadlon, John O'Connor, and Marci Eads.

Elizabeth Sadlon spoke about having coordinated the extensive information-gathering period of this project, including meetings with boards and commissions; interviews with experts; interviews with a variety of people whose stories became the vignettes presented in the report; an interdepartmental steering committee of City staff; and the day-long community meeting held at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

John O'Connor and Marci Eads of Health Management Associates will be developing ways to measure and track the collective impact of the plan's 21 priority areas and 81 goals. They will inventory current programs, develop what the costs of other programs would be, and work toward grants for specific parts of the project.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

A. 2015-2016 AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AWARDS

Commissioner Borelli asked for more information on the funding going to Jewish Family Service to prepare them for accreditation, and how this would benefit the City. Todd Sosna, senior vice president of operations for Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, said that accreditation by CARF (originally the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) helps agencies maintain internal quality assurance, as well as a set of standards to make sure that programs are having the desired impact, and if not, how to adjust to accomplish that impact.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Derek Murray said there is a transgender service providers' meeting this week.

Leslie Isenberg spoke about the new information card from WeHo Cares and homeless services, which is meant to be given in lieu of cash to people in need.

Corri Planck said the City will be hosting a clothing drive for the LGBT Center's youth program in January. This is separate from the clothing drive conducted by the Center's Young Professionals group.

David Giugni said Social Services staff and APLA held a pop-up for Covered California registration, at the Farmers' Market. A second pop-up is being planned.

David Giugni said Perri Sloane Goodman is working to prepare CityLineX, the link to Hollywood & Highland, for operation in January, as well as a special version to be held on New Year's Eve, to provide transportation from Hollywood & Highland to the #BOOM! Sober New Year's event at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Wen, chair of Transgender Advisory Board, spoke about the World AIDS Day event and the Transgender Day of Remembrance, and was interested in working with the Human Services Commission on a project for a New Deal for the transgender community.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Borelli spoke about the LGBT Center's Threads event; the Children's Roundtable; Kleen; the Transgender Day of Remembrance; and the opening of Planned Parenthood in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Anderson said traffic calming measures are a current topic at Transportation Commission. She spoke about World AIDS Day and the Paul Starke Warrior Awards.

Commissioner Davis spoke about World AIDS Day and AIDS Healthcare Foundation's program.

Commissioner Meltzer attended the AARP California roundtable with Governing Magazine, and the Women's Advisory Board. She asked about the Status of Women project discussed at the Women's Advisory Board. She also attended a breakfast meeting held by LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl with all of her County Commission members, and plans to visit the LGBT Center site in West Hollywood.

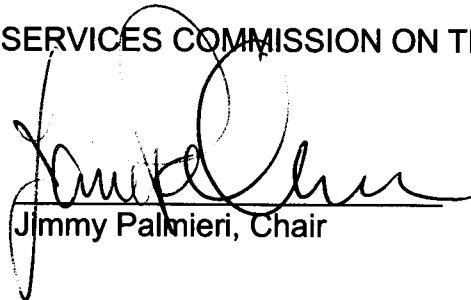
She recommended the Commission have a workshop on how to read and understand reports from the social services agencies. David Giugni said a review of how to understand Exhibit A (Scope of Services) and Exhibit B (Budget) in the draft Request for Proposals for social services programs, is being planned.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the #BOOM! Sober New Year's Eve event, and the Tweakers Project. With regard to PrEP, he said the LGBT Center can work with people to help with ways of paying for a prescription, if a person doesn't have insurance or other coverage. He spoke about the World AIDS Day; about the availability of space for HIV-positive persons at Tarzana Treatment Center and PATH. He said the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board has been discussing whether to add Bisexual to their purview.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting is at 6 pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2016, in the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, 625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.


Jimmy Palmieri, Chair

Attest:



Jeff Book, Secretary