

**WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2004**  
**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Ruth Cislowski at 6:06 p.m., Monday, August 9, 2004, in Rooms 5 and 6 at the Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Gratton.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Ruth Cislowski, Steven Davis, Ponsella Gratton,  
Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Excused: None.

A quorum was present at all times. There is one vacancy on the Commission. Commissioner Mackler joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; Diane Kahn-Epstein, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and Jeff Book.

C. POSTING OF AGENDA

The Secretary reported that notices for the meeting had been posted as required.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons desiring to address the meeting were asked to complete a request form.

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING 2004-06

Daphne Dennis reviewed the process for social services funding, including establishment, a joint study session with city advisory boards, issuance of the request for proposals, and review of submitted proposals. She presented the following staff recommendations on social services funding for 2004-06: Aid for AIDS, \$75,000; AIDS Healthcare Foundation, \$40,600; AIDS Project Los Angeles, \$163,200; Alternative Living for the Aging, \$23,500; AVIVA Family & Children's Services, \$30,500; Being Alive, \$84,000; Bet Tzedek Legal Services, \$102,000; Dispute Resolution Services, \$59,200; GLC-Sexual Health Program, \$111,900; GLC-Legal Services, \$22,600; GLC-Mental Health Services, \$136,400; GLC-WeHo LIFE, \$128,315; and GLC-Youth Services, \$70,000.

Also: JFS Comprehensive Services Center, \$583,000; JFS Nutrition Program, \$268,400; JFS Partners Adult Day Health Care Center, \$53,000 and \$15,000 Prop A funds; JFS SOVA Food Pantry, \$40,000; JVS/WHEST, \$127,500; Los Angeles Free Clinic, \$163,000; Pathways (formerly CFS), \$74,600; PATH, \$285,700 and \$57,792 in CDBG funds; PAWS/LA, \$45,000; Project Angel Food, \$61,000; Russian Community Center, \$73,400; St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church (homeless outreach, referrals, and counseling), \$20,000; Van Ness Recovery House-Education Outreach, \$95,100; Van Ness Recovery House-Outpatient Treatment, \$81,600; Van Ness Recovery House-Residential, \$35,700; and Women Helping Children/Light Up a Library, \$18,360.

### III. PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission accepted comments from (1) Ken Washington, SOVA Food Pantry; (2) Ronna Albert, JFS Senior Nutrition; (3) Robert Greene, JFS; (4) Mark Zisman, Russian Community Center; (5) Alla Letsky, Russian Community Center; (6) Carol Henault, NCJW/LA; (7) Dana Cagle, GLC Legal; (8) Larisa Mory, GLC Legal; (9) Erika Cobain, GLC Legal; (10) Tara Brown, PATH; (11) Daniel Rivera, PATH; (12) Danny Huyghue, PATH; (13) Roméo Cruz, PATH; (14) Dylan Gailey, GLC Youth; (15) Susan Alexman, JFS; (16) David Helie, Dispute Resolution Services; (17) Colleen Passard, LA County Bar Association; (18) Helen Levin, Russian Community Center; (19) Gary Schaff, AIDS.org; (20) Peter Dobson, Dispute Resolution Services; (21) Olga Swan, Russian Community Center; (22) Joya Parenteau, Project Angel Food; and (23) Joshua Fischer, Project Angel Food. There was a 10-minute break.

Also, from (24) Rae Mitchell, Los Angeles Free Clinic; (25) Susan Mendlowitz-Belgrade, Partners ADHC; (26) Yola Dore, on behalf of PAWS/L.A. and JFS Disability Services; (27) Jeanne Dobrin, regarding Home Secure and Van Ness Recovery House; (28) Al Ilya Toshkin, AVIVA Center; (29) Sui Li Chai, AVIVA; (30) Ira Kruskol, AVIVA; (31) Frank Saez, Russian Community Center; (32) Regina Dovetsky, Russian Community Center; (33) Shirley Bushnell, Van Ness Recovery House; (34) Duane Dennis, West Hollywood Pre-School; (35) Idalia Martinez, West Hollywood Pre-School; (36) Yelena Popovich, West Hollywood Pre-School; (37) Evelyn Cout, West Hollywood Pre-School; (38) Maria Sanchez, West Hollywood Pre-School; (39) Gisela Gil, West Hollywood Pre-School; (40) Yuliya Kostyeva, West Hollywood Pre-School; (41) Florina Stolper, West Hollywood Pre-School; (42) Steve Wayland, PAWS/LA; (43) Laura Streimer, Bet Tzedek; (44) Johnny Kirkpatrick, Bet Tzedek; (45) Erving Katz, Bet Tzedek; (46) Joel Polachek, Alternative Living for the Aging; (47) Barbara Diamond, Alternative Living for the Aging; (48) Janet Witkin, Alternative Living for the Aging; (49) Joel Mark, Los Angeles Free Clinic; (50) Craig Coogan, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church; (51) Father Ian Elliott Davies, St. Thomas the Apostle; (52) Veronica Simas, WHEST; and (53) Jackie Overfield, Los Angeles Free Clinic. There was a 10-minute break.

And then from (54) Teresa Dartez, WHEST; (55) Xavier Martin, WHEST; (56) Randy Oglesby, St. Thomas the Apostle; (57) Sofia Gelman, regarding senior programs; (58)

Howard Jacobs, Being Alive; (59) Demetri Moshoyannis, Being Alive; (60) Tiffany Horton, GLC sexual health program; (61) Naomi Klein, WHEST; (62) Thomas Halstead, Being Alive; (63) Phillip Gaddy, Being Alive; (64) Jeffrey Bujer, Los Angeles Free Clinic; (65) Joni Lavick, GLC mental health; (66) Nadia Sutton, PAWS/LA; and (67) Tripp Mills, GLC WeHo Life, and on behalf of Van Ness Recovery House.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no additional items from the Commission.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

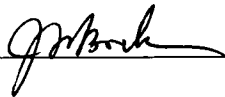
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

By prior action of the Commission, there will be no regular meeting on August 10. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, August 11.

Signed:   
Ruth Cislowski

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