

WEST HOLLYWOOD HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES – JULY 11, 2006
PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The West Hollywood Human Services Commission was called to order by Chair Steven L. Davis at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 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 Paul Sanchez.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Augeri, Ruth Cislowski, Steven Davis, Debra Farmer,
Charles Henry, Peter Mackler, Shirley Roberts.

Excused: None.

A quorum was present at all times. Commissioner Henry joined the meeting in progress. Staff present included Lloyd R. Long, Director of Human Services; Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator; David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Paul Sanchez, 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 introduced Paul Sanchez, a new member of the city's social services staff.

Daphne Dennis reviewed the process for social services funding and presented the staff recommendations on social services funding for 2004-06, totaling approximately \$3.2 million, and reflecting increases in funding for frail seniors, persons living on a fixed income, mental health services, and substance abuse.

The staff proposal calls for funding the proposals from Aid for AIDS, \$77,010; AIDS Healthcare Foundation, \$41,412; APLA Positive Self-Management, \$130,000; APLA

Dental, \$64,260; Alternative Living for the Aging, \$23,970; AVIVA Family & Children's Services, \$30,600; Being Alive, \$85,680; Bet Tzedek, \$104,040; Dispute Resolution Services, \$50,000; GLC Health, \$114,138; GLC Legal, \$22,489; GLC Mental Health, \$112,539; GLC WeHo LIFE, \$100,000; GLC Youth, \$71,400; JFS Comprehensive Services, \$632,288; JFS Nutrition, \$280,382; JFS Partners, \$54,060; JFS Partners Transportation Prop A, \$15,000; JFS SOVA, \$54,000; JVS WHEST, \$140,050; LA Free Clinic, \$166,260; National Council of Jewish Women, \$50,000; Pathways, \$76,000; PATH, \$297,000; PATH CDBG, \$49,225; PAWS/LA, \$48,400; Project Angel Food, \$62,220; Russian Community Center, \$74,868; St. Thomas the Apostle, \$20,400; Van Ness Educ. Outreach, \$99,692; Van Ness Outpatient, \$66,000; Van Ness Residential, \$50,000; Dvorskaya Alternative School, \$7,500; GLC Transgender Services, \$25,000; and Rainbow Bridge Community Services, \$40,417.

Leslie Isenberg reviewed recommendations regarding JFS Comprehensive Services Center, JFS Nutrition, SOVA, JVS WHEST, and NCJW. David Giugni reviewed recommendations regarding APLA, Rainbow Bridge Community Services, Van Ness Recovery House, GLC Transgender Services, and Dvorskaya Alternative School.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission accepted comments from (1) Jeanne Dobrin; (2) Judy Rose, Aviva; (3) Sharon Gerber, Aviva; (4) Suzanne Dietrich; (5) Yola Dore; (6) Christine Brent, Alternative Living for the Aging; (7) Janet Witkin, Alternative Living for the Aging; (8) Leslie deBeauvais, NCJW; (9) Donna Feinstein, NCJW Light Up a Library; (10) Louise Galen, PAWS L.A.; (11) Vivianna Hernandez; (12) Roger Coggan, L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center; (13) Joan Mithers, JFS; (14) Vicky Ortega; (15) Steve Wayland, PAWS L.A.; (16) Laraine Mestman, Dispute Resolution Services; (17) Renee, Dispute Resolution Services; (18) David Zalkind, Dispute Resolution Services; (19) Devorah Teyer, Partners ADHC; and (20) Dylan Gailey, GLC Youth.

And then from (21) Mitch Kamin, Bet Tzedek Legal Services; (22) David Kruskall, WHEST; (23) Ron Weber, WHEST; (24) Fr. Mark Stuart, St. Thomas the Apostle homeless services; (25) Jeff Bailey, APLA; (26) Idalia Rivera, Pathways; (27) Michelle Bonilla, Pathways; (28) Ian Stulberg, LA Gay & Lesbian Center; (29) Lesley Gonzalez, Pathways; (30) Rae Mitchell, on behalf of LA Free Clinic; (31) Joel Mark; (32) Michelle Dennis; (33) Joe Amico, Rainbow Bridge; (34) Michael Ralke, Rainbow Bridge; (35) Mike Rizzo, Rainbow Bridge; (36) Bryan Fletcher, Rainbow Bridge; (37) Calvin Howard, West Hollywood Pre-School; (38) Ben Stilp, Project Angel Food; (39) Tripp Mills, WeHo Life; and (40) Fire Riegel, Being Alive.

And also from (41) Kevin Kerth, Being Alive; (42) Tara Brown, PATH; (43) Gerald Pikes, PATH; (44) Tom Biehler, PATH; (45) Daniel Ervin, AHF; (46) David Nash, Palm View apartments; (47) David Joseph, Palm View apartments; (48) Grigoriy Adlivankin, Community Information Services; (49) Igor Dvorsky, Dvorskaya Alternative School; (50) Alex, a student, on behalf of Dvorskaya Alternative School; (51) Veniamin Finkelshteyn, JFS Comprehensive Services; (52) Susan Alexman, JFS Comprehensive

Services; (53) Joseph Dipadova, for JFS, PAWS, and other programs; (54) Helen Levin, Russian Community Center; (55) Randy Oglesby, St. Thomas breakfast program; (56) Daniel Pepper, Being Alive; (57) Tobi Inlender, Dispute Resolution Services; (58) Fred Vanacore; and (59) Ruth Tittle, on behalf of APLA benefits and services.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

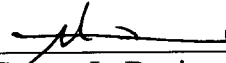
There were no additional items from the Commission.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m., and the meeting was continued until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, in the same location.

Signed: 

Steven L. Davis

Attest: