

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**JANUARY 9, 2018
6:00 PM**

**FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Patrick Shandrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jamie Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Borelli, Nate Clark, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick.
ABSENT: None.
ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; Derek Murray, Diane Kahn-Epstein, Jeff Book.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Davis requested that Item 2.B., Human Services Work-Plan Calendar, be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Without objection it was moved to Item 5.A., Excluded Consent Calendar.

ACTION: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call vote to approve the agenda for January 9, 2018, as amended.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017, meeting. Motion by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

ACTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar, now consisting only of Item 2.A. 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, was moved by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BEING ALIVE REPORT

Subject: Program staff from Being Alive will provide a status report to the Human Services Commission regarding its programs.

Garry George Bowie, Executive Director, discussed the 30-year-old agency's record of service, and its financial support network. They are currently developing a strategic partnership with the Saban Community Clinic. Jamie Baker, Program Manager, spoke about helping have a safe space on the east side of the city for New Year's Eve, and how this effort can improve in future years. Commissioner Palmieri thanked Being Alive with its help in providing safer sex kits for #BOOM!, the New Year's Eve event.

B. LA LGBT CENTER'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

Subject: Program staff from the LA LGBT Center's Mental Health Services program will provide a status report to the Human Services Commission regarding its programs.

Staff introduced Amy Kane, Program Manager for Mental Health Services at the LA LGBT Center, who provided updates from the agency, including the potential for 'inreach' at events such as the Lesbian Speakers Series and the Merry Menstruation drive. Commissioner Meltzer asked for the Social Services agencies to receive the City's monthly calendar.

C. CRITERIA FOR RE-PROGRAMMING SAVINGS FROM SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Subject: The Human Services Commission will review the criteria for the re-programming of savings from Social Services contracts.

David Giugni introduced the report on criteria for re-programming savings from Social Services agencies. Commissioners discussed issues such as whether it's possible to fund part of an agency if only part is doing well in meeting its goals, and whether some types of agencies should be prioritized for receiving re-programmed funds.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Borelli for this item to be brought back with revised language. This was seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

D. RE-PROGRAMMING 2016-17 SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT SAVINGS

Subject: The Human Services Commission will make recommendations for expenditure of \$83,503.63 in contract savings from 2016-17 Social Services programs.

David Giugni presented the item, which recommends re-programming of contract savings from the 2016-17 Social Services program year. Commissioners discussed a wide variety of questions regarding the best way to determine re-programming of the funds, including the policy

justification for focusing on bringing the rate of HIV to zero among the homeless in West Hollywood, relative to other priorities. Jeff Bailey, Director of HIV Access and Community-Based Services at APLA, spoke about the public health impact of bringing the LGBT homeless population to an Undetectable rate for HIV. Staff said this involved special challenges such as it being very difficult for the homeless to comply with medicine regimens. Jeff Bailey said preventing one HIV infection saves the City \$375,000 in costs that would otherwise occur. Commissioners asked why agencies were having unspent funds. Staff said it differed by agency, but for some they had a staff position that was unfilled for part of the year, so they did not expend funds for that.

Commissioner Borelli moved to approve the staff recommendation for re-programming of \$83,503.63 in contract savings. Commissioner Davis said he would like the funds from Ascencia included in the allocation of funding for treatment. Commissioner Borelli agreed and made this part of the motion.

ACTION: To approve staff's recommendation as augmented with regard to funds from Ascencia. Motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Palmieri, and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Subject: The Human Services Commission will receive a schedule of the City's Advisory Boards and Commission meetings and discuss liaison assignments.

Commissioners reviewed and unanimously approved a chart of liaison assignments.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

A. HUMAN SERVICES WORKPLAN CALENDAR

Subject: The Human Services Commission will receive the updated 2018 Workplan Calendar.

Commissioners discussed a proposed workplan calendar for 2018. Commissioner Clark said Councilmember Horvath is planning to take an item to the City Council with regard to an education workgroup. Commissioner Davis spoke about inviting agencies to give brief presentations on their work. David Giugni said staff would propose a schedule. Commissioner Davis said he is opposed to canceling the August meeting. Commissioners approved the calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Clark will be helping with the Homeless Count.

Commissioner Davis said he is studying the effects the marijuana legalization will have in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Meltzer said she has read about enormous impact of loneliness and isolation among older adults. She spoke about the need to help caregivers.

Commissioner Palmieri said there were 836 in attendance at #BOOM!, the alcohol- and substance-free New Year's Eve celebration sponsored by the City. He said dog parks will be open on January 13. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kevin Short, known as WeHo Jesus, who passed away recently.

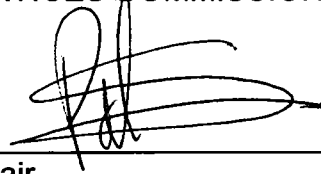
Commissioner Borelli congratulated #BOOM! on its success, and said the public relations subcommittee will stay in place until the video project is completed.

Commissioner Shandrick spoke about use or need for PEP, the post-exposure prophylaxis medicament.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and unanimously approved, the Human Services Commission adjourned in memory of Kevin Short, known as WeHo Jesus, to its next regular meeting, which is at 6 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE
13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.



Chair

Attest:

Secretary