

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

**JANUARY 8, 2019
6:00 PM**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Sam Borelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Aaron Celious, Ph.D., led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Nate Clark, Steven L. Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Derek Murray, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book.

There is one vacancy on the Commission at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was moved by Commissioner Shandrick, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The Consent Calendar items were:

A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AWARDS

The Human Services Commission received a report on the funding awards for Social Services Agency Development Grants.

B. ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT

The Human Services Commission received information on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's upcoming 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE YEAR TWO EVALUATION

David Giugni spoke about the two-year evaluation of the HIV Zero Initiative. He introduced Aaron Celious, Ph.D., consultant, who led a slide presentation on data covered in the report.

Aaron Celious said the four goals of the HIV Zero Initiative have been: (1) increase health care among West Hollywood community members; (2) reduce HIV diagnoses; (3) reduce HIV-related disparities; and (4) slow the progression of HIV to Stage 3, or AIDS. For each of the goals, he spoke about the data leading into 2016, when the initiative began.

Commissioners discussed aspects of the report, including data indicating less use of condoms by younger people, level of use of PEP and PrEP, and perceptions of stigma.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Clarkin, project coordinator for GetPrepLA.com, spoke about that program's outreach to educate on access to PEP and PrEP in the Los Angeles area, for providers as well as potential patients.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. COVERED CA

Staff spoke about the City's efforts to publicize the deadline for applications to Covered CA, the State's Affordable Care Act entity. Californians have until January 15. Enrollers regularly attend the Farmers' Market on Melrose, and staff conducts pop-ups throughout the city. Tiffany Nguyen, the Los Angeles field representative for Covered CA, said help is available and that there have been 5.78 million applications this year. Commission members thanked her for her work with Covered CA.

B. THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER'S WEHO LIFE PROGRAM

Staff provided information on the WeHo Life program, which has had challenges during its work with the City, including changes in staff. The main avenue for consumption of WeHo Life's video projects is YouTube. Currently

the program is reporting numbers below their goals with the exception of condom distribution.

Members of the Commission asked about condom distribution sites, said it is important to begin educating about fentanyl, said the program didn't seem to be a priority to the Center, and spoke about YouTube viewership declining in recent years. Commissioner Clark said the program needs to have localized content and that he would like to hear a strong plan for creating content from this provider.

Paul Chavez, outreach manager for the Community Mental Health program at the Center, said he believes they are filling the Production Manager position this month. Chris Clarkin said the Center remains very interested in the program. He said a video survey is forthcoming, and the Center's plans for WeHo Life are moving along.

C. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SCHEDULE

David Giugni distributed a proposed schedule for issuance and consideration of responses to a Request for Proposals for Social Services for the period of 2019 to 2022.

The Commission discussed ways of receiving input on Social Services priorities from other Boards and Commissions. On some occasions, Human Services Commissioners have visited the other meetings, and on other occasions, the other Boards and Commissions have been invited to send a representative to speak at a Human Services Commission meeting.

During discussion, Commissioner Meltzer moved for Human Services Commissioners to attend the other Board and Commission meetings, to gather input on Social Services priorities. There was no second at this time, and the Commission continued discussion of the various methods.

Commissioner Davis moved to use the method of inviting Boards and Commissions to send a representative to a Human Services Commission meeting, to provide input on Social Services priorities. This was seconded by Commissioner Shandrick. The motion failed on a 3-to-3 roll call vote, with Commissioners Davis, Palmieri, and Shandrick in favor, and Commissioners Borelli, Clark, and Meltzer opposed.

Commissioner Meltzer moved for Human Services Commissioners to attend the other Board and Commission meetings, to gather input on Social Services priorities. This was seconded by Commissioner Clark. The motion failed on a 3-to-3 roll call vote, with Commissioners Borelli, Clark, and Meltzer in favor, and Commissioners Davis, Palmieri, and Shandrick opposed.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the proposed schedule for the Request for Proposals process, and to discuss Item C.2. (Determine the Approach to Seeking Input from select City Commissioners and Advisory Boards) at the next meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner Palmieri and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

D. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS

Commissioner Clark moved to postpone this item to a later date. This was seconded by Commissioner Palmieri, and approved 5-to-1 on a roll call vote, with Commissioner Davis opposed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no items of Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about the upcoming meeting of substance abuse providers on January 16 at the Library Community Meeting Room. Staff also spoke about collaborating with Los Angeles County on a vaccine-related fact sheet.

David Giugni provided a handout of the 5-Year Plan to address homelessness, and spoke about means of engaging the public for the Community Study. He also spoke about the Lesbian Speakers' Series.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meltzer spoke about taking a weekend improv class with Aretha Sills, daughter of Paul Sills of Second City in Chicago. She spoke about the potential for improv as an activity for persons with dementia.

Commissioner Davis said he would still like to have the Chair or Vice Chair sit in on the reading proposals for agency development. Staff said the funds for agency development are not in the purview of the Commission. Commissioner Davis also requested a quarterly report on condom distribution by WeHo Life.

Commissioner Shandrick said he is teaching nonprofit communications at UCLA on Mondays and Wednesdays, and therefore may miss some events.

Commissioner Palmieri requested a separate list of condom drops so he will have the information on the specific locations. He said there were 987 attendees this year at Boom!, the alcohol- and substance-free New Year's Eve celebration. Commissioner Borelli said the sharing of the Boom! event on social media was excellent.

9. ADJOURNMENT

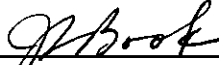
The Human Services Commission was adjourned at 8:35 pm to its next regular meeting, to be held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, February 12, 2019, in the First-Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069. The rideshare/drop-off address is 1085 North Sweetzer Avenue, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary