

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Shandrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Human Services Commission Secretary Jenny Ivanova took roll call.

PRESENT: Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Patrick Shandrick

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Francisco Gomez, Douglas Nguyen, Katie Egan, Jenny Ivanova

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
SUBJECT: Approval of the August 10, 2021 Meeting Agenda.
Chair Davis requested item 3A be moved to 4B.
ACTION: Approval of the August 10, 2021 Meeting Agenda as amended was motioned by Commissioner Darvish, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick, and approved by roll call vote.
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
SUBJECT: Approval of the July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
ACTION: Approval of the July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer, and approved by roll call vote.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT**
Dean Ambrosini introduced himself to Commissioners as the new Prevention Coordinator at Institute for Public strategies, the West Hollywood Project. He shared that August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day and provided

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an overview about the program.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There are no items under Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. TITLE: TRANS CAN WORK REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission received an update on progress toward and plans for meeting agreed upon goals from Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator and Jovan Wolf, Director of Workforce Development, TransCanWork.

Commissioner Freiberg joined the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. TITLE: YEAR FIVE MIDYEAR REPORT ON THE HIV ZERO INITIATIVE

SUBJECT: Dr. Aaron Celious of the Maroon Society provided information on the HIV Zero Initiative Year Five Evaluation Report.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. TITLE: REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES UTILIZATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COLOR OVER THE LAST DECADE

SUBJECT: The Human Services Commission received a PowerPoint presentation from Social Services staff on the analysis of demographic data, by service category, focused on community members of color who utilized social services over the last ten contract years.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. TITLE: JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES ARTS, WELLNESS AND ENGAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Kimiko Kelly, the Director of Arts, Wellness and Engagement (AWE) Programming at Jewish Family Service, reported on August programming and introduced Marina Goldshteyn to the Human Services Commission. Marina will assist with activities at JFS's West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center at Plummer Park and Alex Pagan-Mejia would continue to assist with activities.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. TITLE: POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP) SERVICES

SUBJECT: Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator introduced Jeffrey Rodriguez, Los Angeles LGBT Center who gave a PowerPoint presentation overview on the PEP Data and services provided. Brian Rogers

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of Men's Health Foundation who gave a PowerPoint presentation on how to access PEP and provided programming information. Commissioners discussed the information and asked questions of the presenters.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There are no items under Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an overview of the utilization of West Hollywood Emergency Funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioners discussed the information, noting things that surprised them or stood out in the data. He shared that Melissa Crowder, City Clerk will be attending their September Human Services Commission meeting to present the Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials.

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor provided a summary for NCJW reporting all other residents remained housed that applied for assistance with the exception for one individual who fell out of housing.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meltzer shared that she represents the Commission on the Motion Picture at Television Fund, Social Isolation and Loneliness Coalition. Maureen Feldman asked her to serve on a small steering committee to further the mission. She's looking forward to sharing more information about future projects on social isolation and loneliness.

Vice Chair Palmieri shared after a long discussion with City Council and event producers this year Boom will be a virtual event. He asked everyone to stay safe and reminded all that the pandemic is still present. He thanked everyone for a great discussion.

Commissioner Shandrick shared that he helped a relative transition to a nursing home in another state and that it was nice to see everyone.

Commissioner Darvish thanked staff and Commissioners for the support as a new Commissioner. He reported his attendance at the City of West Hollywood's Racial Justice conversation with Dr. Robin DiAngelo, and the Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Freiberg thanked the presenters and staff. She shared as a liaison for the Disability Advisory Board along with Boardmember Nash their concern regarding

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the crosswalk located on Palm Ave. She requested staff for an update. David Giugni will follow up with staff.

Chair Davis thanked everyone for a great meeting and thanked all the presenters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:11p.m. to its next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm via teleconference/YouTube.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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Steven Davis, Chair

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Secretary