

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**\*TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Chair Palmieri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF:** David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joan Mithers, Katie Egan, DeeA’na Saunders

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:** The Human Services Commission approved the meeting agenda for September 14, 2021.

**ACTION:** **Motioned by Commissioner Darvish, seconded by Commissioner Meltzer and approved unanimously.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**SUBJECT:** The Human Services Commission approved the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Human Services Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** **Motioned by Vice Chair Palmieri, seconded by Commissioner Shandrick and approved unanimously.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

West Seegmiller, West Hollywood, spoke regarding community members who choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and comments made about them for that choice.

Dean Ambrosini, WeHo Project, addressed the Commission regarding a fentanyl awareness campaign.

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**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

The Human Services Commission received a report on National Recovery Month, September 2021.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWALS 2021-22**

**SUBJECT:** The Human Services Commission received a presentation on the renewals of the social services contracts for the third year of the three-year funding cycle (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022).

**ACTION:** Recommended to the City Council that the 2021-22 Social Services contract renewals be approved as shown in Attachment A.

**Motioned by Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Darvish and approved unanimously.**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW THE UPDATED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**SUBJECT:** The Human Services Commission received a presentation from the City Clerk on the Updated Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials that was approved by City Council in March.

**ACTION:** Received presentation and discussed.

**B. DEVELOPMENT OF A CITYWIDE BEHAVIOR HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT**

**SUBJECT:** The Human Services Commission received a report and provided feedback on the program design and scope of services for a proposed Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit to serve the West Hollywood community.

**ACTION:** Received report and discussed.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

There are no items under Excluded Consent.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an update on the utilization of Emergency Funds in response to COVID-19.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

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Commissioner Shandrick shared his attendance to meetings focused on Rent Relief programs.

Commissioner Meltzer commented on the LA County Department of Public Health COVID-19 update from Dr. Paul Simon. She shared the JFS AWE Program will be starting improvisation classes.

Commissioner Darvish gave thanks to our healthcare workers during this pandemic.

Commissioner Byers thanked Staff for their assistance with an animal care matter for a neighbor.

Commissioner Freiberg asked Staff to place Nutrition Programs, meal planning and delivery processes on a future agenda. She asked Staff for an update on fentanyl and its effects on City residents.

Vice-Chair Palmieri acknowledged September as National Recovery Month and shared his personal testimony to friends and loved ones who continue to battle each day. He expressed support for the City's recent vaccination requirement to patronize City businesses. Lastly, Vice-Chair Palmieri addressed fraudulent vaccination cards and the penalties one could potentially face for providing and possessing one.

Chair Davis asked Staff for the program budget from FY21 to compare to FY22.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:43pm to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, via teleconference.

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**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE  
12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.**

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*Steven Davis, Chair*

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**Attest:**

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Secretary

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