

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Palmieri called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Lauren Meister led the pledge.
 - B. **INSTALLATION OF A NEW MEMBER**
The Oath of Office was administered to Sam Borelli by Mayor Lauren Meister.
 - C. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Sam Borelli, Chelsea Byers, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri
STAFF: Mayor Lauren Meister, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Francisco Gomez, Jenny Ivanova
 - D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
ACTION: Approval of the February 8, 2022, meeting agenda was **motioned by Vice-Chair Meltzer, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and approved by roll call vote.**
 - E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: Approval of the January 11, 2022, meeting minutes with correction was **motioned by Commissioner Darvish, seconded by Vice-Chair Meltzer, and approved by roll call vote with Commissioner Borelli abstaining.**
 - F. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator, provided an overview of the West Hollywood Guaranteed Income Pilot Program, the first of its kind focusing on low-income LGBTQIA older adults.

Rachel Resnick, National Council of Jewish Women, provided information on the eligibility requirements and selection of participants for the West Hollywood Guaranteed Income Pilot Program. West Hollywood Community members may apply online at <https://www.ncjwla.org/WHPGI/>. For assistance applying call (323) 852-8500 ext. 650 or email WHPGI@NCJWLA.ORG.

Karen Eyres, West Hollywood resident and Rent Stabilization Commissioner, informed the public of the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. For more information, please visit <https://www.weho.org/services/coronavirus-covid->

[19/renter-resources](#).

Patrick Blood, Disabilities Advisory Board, informed the Commission of newly appointed liaisons Yola Dore as primary and Mikie Friedman as the alternate. He urged the Commission to keep people living with disabilities in mind as they make decisions on the work under their purview.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. TRANSGENDER ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROJECT REPORT

The Human Services Commission will receive a status report on the Transgender Economic Empowerment Project (TEEP).

ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B. COMMONLY USED SOCIAL SERVICES ACRONYMS

The Human Services Commission will receive a list of commonly used Social Services acronyms.

ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE YEAR FIVE EVALUATION REPORT

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an overview of the initiative and introduced Aaron Celious, Ph.D. Dr. Celious of Maroon Society gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Year Five Evaluation Report on the HIV Zero Initiative.

Commissioners discussed the Year Five Evaluation Report on the HIV Zero Initiative and asked questions. Dr. Celious, David Giugni and Derek Murray responded to their questions.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS

The Human Services Commission reviewed the most recent roster of Human Services Commission liaison assignments and updated assignments for the remainder of the year.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. EVICTION DEFENSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided a brief overview of Bet Tzedek's Eviction Defense and Prevention Program. Rachel Levy, Bet Tzedek Staff Attorney, provided an overview of the eviction process, legal protections and program outcomes. She answered questions from the Commission.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Human Services Commission received an update from Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, on the On Call Transportation program. He gave a PowerPoint presentation that included ridership metrics, program costs, and user complaints. The Human Services Commission discussed the item and asked questions of staff.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

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

Staff provided information on the cost of N95 masks for a potential City-Wide distribution.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis reported his attendance at the Senior Advisory Board.

Commissioner Freiberg thanked staff for researching the cost of the N95 masks. She inquired about the eviction process and asked about the non-compliance of smoking at City Parks.

Commissioner Darvish spoke to Boardmember Blood's comment and the needs of older adults.

Commissioner Byers thanked Commissioner Freiberg for her advocacy on the N95 masks. She encouraged the Public to sign up for The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count taking place on February 22, 23, And 24. For additional information, please visit theycountwillyou.org.

Commissioner Borelli requested additional information on the West Hollywood Guaranteed Income Pilot Program. He expressed his excitement for the upcoming Social Services funding cycle.

Vice-Chair Meltzer reported her attendance at the Children's Roundtable meeting. She requested information on the Community Update on the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative event. Lastly, she shared her involvement with the American Society on Aging Ageism and Culture Advisory Council.


Chair Palmieri spoke to Boardmember Blood's comments and ensured that the Human

Services Commission considers people living with disabilities in their decision making.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:03 pm to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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Secretary