

**MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
JANUARY 10, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**\*TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Meltzer called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

**A. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Sam Borelli, Steven Davis, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri, Joy Freiberg

**ABSENT:** Adam Darvish

**STAFF:** Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joyce Britton

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Leslie Isenberg led the pledge.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for January 10, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Palmieri and approved unanimously.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Palmieri and approved, Commissioner Freiberg abstained.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DRINK-SPIKING TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION**

The Human Services Commission received an update from Paul Chavez and Derald Hunter of the Los Angeles LGBT Center's WeHo Life Program on the distribution of Drink-Spiking Test Kits.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING ON POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO ACCESSING PRE AND POST EXPOSURE (PrEP/PEP) THERAPIES TO PREVENT HIV INFECTION**

The Human Services Commission received information from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, on a Council-approved motion, which directed staff to organize a public hearing to identify potential barriers to accessing Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP).

**ACTION:** Selected Commissioners Borelli and Palmieri to be the representatives of the Commission at the public hearing and to report back to the Commission as progress is made.

**C. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2023 WORK PLAN**

The Human Services Commission reviewed the 2022 Work Plan Calendar and discussed its Work Plan for 2023.

**ACTION:** The Commission discussed items from the 2022 Work Plan that they would like to continue to have on the 2023 Work Plan. The Commission also discussed additional Work Plan items including having presentations from the three newly funded agencies/programs; namely Healthcare in Action, The Maple Counseling Center and the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Legal Services program. Staff will incorporate the Commission's input into a draft 2023 Work Plan for the Commission to review at their February meeting.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an update on Trans Can Work regarding how the agency finished out the 2021-22 contract year. He talked about Tranq, a new street drug additive that can cause necrosis and lead to amputation. He told the Commission that he will be informing the HIV prevention providers and homeless outreach workers about Tranq.

Leslie Isenberg, Acting Social Services Manager, mentioned that a request to add Adjournment Motions to the agenda was made to the City Clerk and reminded the Commission that the February meeting will also take place via tele-conference.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Freiberg congratulated all the newly elected officials, including Supervisor Lindsay Horvath, Mayor Sepi Shyne, Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson and the West Hollywood City Councilmembers. She spoke of Danny Hang's work on the Business License Commission.

Commissioner Davis thanked staff and wished everyone a happy new year.

Commissioner Borelli thanked staff for the update on Trans Can Work. He mentioned tonight being the five-year anniversary of the passing of LGBTQ activist Matt Palazzolo.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about the success of the New Year's Eve sober event "Vibez". He also spoke of violence against transgender individuals.

Chair Meltzer congratulated the City's new Mayor, Sepi Shyne and Mayor Pro Tempore, John Erickson.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 7:25 PM in memory of Matt Palazzolo to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6 pm via teleconference.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

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*Barbara Meltzer*

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BARBARA MELTZER,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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*Leslie Iseberg, Acting*

STAFF LIAISON

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