

**MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
FEBRUARY 14, 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, Adam Darvish, Steven Davis, Joy Freiberg, Barbara Meltzer, Jimmy Palmieri

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Leslie Isenberg, Derek Murray, Joyce Britton, Michelle Liberman

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Derek Murray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting agenda for February 14, 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 January 10, 2023 Human Services Commission meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Borelli and approved, with a correction noted by Commissioner Palmieri to change the name of the New Year's Eve sober event from "Thrive" to "Vibez". Commissioner Darvish abstained.**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 2022-23 AWARD OF AGENCY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Human Services Commission received a report on the 2022-23 funding awards for Social Services Agency Development Grants.

ACTION: Received and filed.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2023 WORK PLAN

The Human Services Commission reviewed and finalized the draft 2023 Work Plan.

Motioned by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. HEALTHCARE IN ACTION PRESENTATION

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from Healthcare in Action, a 2022-23 newly contracted program, about services provided to West Hollywood community members.

City staff introduced the item and the team from Healthcare in Action. Staff from Healthcare in Action provided an overview of their program and showed a brief video highlighting their street medicine services.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Human Services Commission received a presentation on utility assistance programs available to low-income community members.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff updated the Commission on the Social Services Division staffing and mentioned that the recruitment process is underway for the two vacant Program Administrator positions.

Staff stated that Adjournment Motions can be made by the Commission under "Items from Commissioners".

Staff mentioned the March meeting of the Human Services Commission is expected to be in person at Plummer Park in rooms 5 & 6.

Staff spoke about the PEP/PrEP Forum taking place next week and encouraged the Commission to attend.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Each of the Commissioners spoke highly of the presentation by Healthcare in Action.

Commissioner Palmieri spoke about attending the LGAB meeting.

Commissioner Borelli thanked staff for their work on the PEP/PrEP Forum scheduled for next week.

Commissioner Davis thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Freiberg asked about visiting agencies. She expressed concern about affordable housing in West Hollywood.

Vice-Chair Darvish reminded people that February is Black History Month. He spoke of the devastation in Turkey and Syria and talked about the importance of earthquake preparedness.

Chair Meltzer thanked staff for their hard work.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6 pm at the Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 21st
DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

DocuSigned by:

Barbara Meltzer

BARBARA MELTZER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Leslie Iseberg, Acting

STAFF LIAISON

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office

upon request.

(Disclaimer: Staff records the meetings for the sole purpose of composing the official meeting minutes; therefore, the recordings are not of commercial quality.)