



MINUTES

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

SMI TRAINING ROOM

330 Olympic Drive

Santa Monica, CA 90401

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

3:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Leddy called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Commissioners Einbinder, Glover, Manvel, Nguyen, and Chair Leddy.

Absent: Commissioners Kagel, Morrow, Wells, and Yilmazer

Also present: Lupe Madrid (Executive Admin Assistant) and Thomas Philbin (Staff Assistant III)



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1. Public Input (Non-Agenda Items):

None

2. Public Input (Agenda Items Under SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS and CONSENT CALENDAR Only)

None

3. Special Agenda Items

- a. Discussion and possible motion for the election of the Human Services Commission Vice-Chair

Chair Leddy tabled this agenda item until the July 9, 2025 meeting, when elections for the Chair and Vice Chair posts will be voted on.

4. Consent Calendar

- a. [April 9, 2025 Minutes](#).

- b. Chair Leddy moved and Commissioner Einbinder seconded a motion to approve April 9, 2025 Minutes. Voice Vote; motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Kagel, Morrow, Wells, and Yilmazer absent.

5. Public Input on Remaining Agenda Items

None

8. Continued Items

- a. Continued from Jan 22, 2025 - Discussion and possible action on setting Human Services Commission goals and priorities for 2025

The Commission discussed the value in its function as a sound board and provider of feedback to City programs and services as well as ways HSC could have more impact and serve as a bridge between residents and the City. Suggestions were made to 1.) Meet more frequently through Special Meetings rather than on a bi-monthly schedule; 2.) increase the Commission's knowledge of the City's existing human services organizations and try to identify gaps in service that need to be addressed; 3.) Raise awareness and help educate the public on available human services (particularly for homeless individuals and those in need of behavioral health outreach) by holding events such as resource fairs,



or by having booths at existing community events such as National Night Out, or at the weekly downtown farmer's market.

The Commission also expressed a desire for a presentation from City staff on its current homelessness strategy, to help brainstorm ways of contributing on the matter. Facilitating conversations with other groups such as the American Red Cross and Meals on Wheels was raised.

The Commission emphasized Seniors as a key group to also consider, as they represent a large population within the City. Interest was shown in inviting Wise and Healthy Aging on 4th Street to present their work and impact.

12. Written Communication

13. Human Services Commission Member Discussion Items

- a. Reports from existing ad hoc committees followed by discussion and possible action

None.

Adjournment

Chair Leddy adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Approved: 07/09/2025

Thomas Philbin
Secretary

Bruce Leddy
Chair

