



City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Kristi Coyne, Nikki Singh, and Balynda Warden

Members Absent: Laura Badeaux, Doris Brown, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Connie Ladenburg, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Leslie Mintaraga, Valentine Smith, Doris Tinsley, and Wilton Waverly

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03

- Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the April agenda at 6:05

- Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coyne. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of March minutes at 6:07

- Commissioner Coyne requests amendment to item 3.
- Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve minutes and Commissioner Coyne seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:09

- No written public comments received.

5. Homeless Services and Strategy Update at 6:11

- Presented by Caleb Carbone, HSC.
 - i. Inclement weather response tiers for hot and cold weather.
 - ii. Collaboration with Department of Emergency Management and Pierce County for water distribution.
 - iii. Types of seasonal and inclement weather.
 - iv. Implementation of TMC 8.19 and alignment with Pierce County.
 - v. Immediate actions, actions within year, and 1-2 year strategy.
 - vi. Chair Wilson requests considerations for atmospheric rivers/extreme rain.
 - vii. Commissioner Smith inquires about strategy for specific encampment at S. Union and S. Tacoma Way.

6. Youth and Young Adult Violence at 6:59

- Presented by Chair Wilson.
 - i. Data compiled from deaths, EMS, Police, ER and Urgent Cares, police victims and community perceptions.
 1. Death rate in Pierce County is increasing and comparable to death rate resulting from car crashes.
 2. Discussion on City's methods to reduce numbers; such as programs that build interpersonal skills of at-risk youth.



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3. Secretary Walton inquires about past practices and resources.
 4. Can start presenting NCS quarterly report to HSC.
 5. Commissioner Smith requests feedback on the success of organizations that have received funding in the past.
 6. Commissioner Coyner requests to hear from Law Enforcement's perspective on needs of community and crime rate.
 7. Chair Wilson requests to know about activities of the other commissions.
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7. **Review/Excuse Absences at 7:16**
 - Motioned to excuse Commissioner Mintaraga by Commissioner Coyne. Seconded by Commissioner Singh. Approved unanimously.
 8. **Good of the Order at 7:17.**
 - Commissioner Tinsley resigned; six vacant chairs.
 - Introductions of Staff present to guest in attendance.
 9. **Closing Comments at 7:24**
 - Chair Wilson adjourns at 7:24.