



City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Instructions for the Public:

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Members Present: Chair Rahn Clayton, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Magdalena Stickel, Wilton Waverly, Leslie Mintaraga, Rebecca Stith

Members Absent: Elizabeth Pebley, Jovan Dumas, Cherrielee Matthews, Naomi Wilson, Luis Beltran

Staff Present: Allyson Griffith, Kristin Ely, Renee Johnson, Vicky McLaurin, Klarissa Monteros, Paulina Kura (Pierce County)

1. **Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:09pm**
 - Commissioner Grube motioned to call meeting to order. Keating second. All pass.
 - Chair Clayton arrived late.
2. **Approval of the April Agenda at 6:10pm**
 - Motion by Commissioner Keating to approve, second by Commissioner Waverly, approved unanimously
3. **Review/Approval of March Minutes at 6:11pm**
 - Commissioner Waverly motioned to approve the February minutes and Commissioner Mintaraga seconds. All approve.
4. **Officer Vacancies and Acknowledgements at 6:11pm**
 - Unable to make recommendations without the presence of the Chair
 - Staff provided recruitment update
5. **Introductions and Ice Breaker at 6:18pm**
 - New panelists introduced are new NCS staff, Klarissa Monteros and Pierce County staff Paulina Kura
6. **Public Comment at 6:26pm**
 - No comments made



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7. Youth and Young Adult Proposal Update at 6:28pm

- Informational briefing provided by Renee Johnson and Vicky McLaurin
 - Chair Clayton described the process for making selections and the factors that went into his decision making process.
 - Commissioner Keating asked about the length of contracts (answer: initially six months) and about any opportunity to increase funding (answer: the City will be assessing the performance of the programs and will be making additional budgetary requests to support high performing programs if needed) and about the use of CARES funds to enhance available funds (answer: Council is still assessing how they would like to use American Rescue Act Plan dollars)
 - Chair Clayton described the fact that various awards come various funding sources.

8. Strategic Alliance on Domestic Violence at 6:56 pm

- Informational briefing provided by Vicky McLaurin and Paulina Kura
 - Question from Commissioner Stith regarding treatment for perpetrators of violence. Vicky McLaurin answered that we do have one program that we fund like this which is part of a requirement for a state program.
 - Questions and concerns from Commissioner Keating about the impacts of the pandemic on domestic violence. Vicky reported that while instances reported to police have not increased, demand at service agencies we fund/partner with have

9. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:20 pm

- Commissioner Keating moved to excuse Commissioners Matthews. Commission Grube seconded and all approved.

10. Good of the Order at 7:22 pm

- Commissioner Keating asked for information on the hygiene station at S 8th and Yakima and shared the superintendent was not aware of this until it was elevated by Commissioner Keating. Staff will follow-up with our contact information.
- Chair Clayton reminded Commissioners about upcoming elections and to contact him or staff if interested in holding a position.

11. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 7:39 pm

- Commissioner Stith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mintaraga and approved by all.