
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Agenda

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members:

Amanda Roberts, Annette Evans, Woody Widmark, Crystal Duncan, and Paul Bahna
JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES**
- IV. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (*not to exceed 3 minutes*)
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. January 17, 2024 and February 21, 2024
- VI. **REPORTS**
 - Chair
 - Commissioners
 - City Staff
 - Assembly Liaison
 - Other(s)
- VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - B. Nominations for Chair
 - C. Designate working groups for Childcare, Elder Care, and Public Transportation
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:00 p.m.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members:

Rachel Worthey, Crystal Duncan, Annette Evans, Elise Davidson Kitka,
Woody Widmark, Amanda Roberts, Paul Bahna

JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worthey called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rachel Worthey, Annette Evans, Woody Widmark, Paul Bahna-Via Zoom

Commissioners Absent: Elise Davidson Kitka (excused), and Amanda Roberts (excused)

Assembly Liaison: JJ Carlson

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes)*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VI. REPORTS

Chair –None.

Commissioners – None.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – None.

Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Home Health Care

Sue Litman shared an update on home-based care, previously known as the home health department. Litman highlighted the difference in care quality between the closed program and the current system, emphasizing the importance of coordinated and comprehensive care. Elizabeth Faulkner, Elizabeth Mosher, Cindy Litman, and Auriella Hughes commented on SEARHC's decision to close the certified Medicare home health agency. Concerns were raised about the impacts that this would have on patient care.

B. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Duncan moved to nominate Worthey for the Chair position. Motion passed unanimously.

Evans moved to nominate Duncan for the Vice-Chair position. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Update from Working Groups

The Commission discussed the childcare working group was the only one established. They suggested the possibility of establishing subcommittees to follow up on issues before the next meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Worthey moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk

Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 12:00 p.m.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members:

Rachel Worthey, Crystal Duncan, Annette Evans, Elise Davidson Kitka,
Woody Widmark, Amanda Roberts, Paul Bahna

JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worthey called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rachel Worthey, Annette Evans, Amanda Roberts, Paul Bahna

Commissioners Absent: Elise Davidson Kitka (excused), and Woody Widmark (excused)

Assembly Liaison: JJ Carlson

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes)*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VI. REPORTS

Chair –None.

Commissioners – None.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – None.

Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Early Childhood Coalition/Childcare Now

Lauren Wild and Kari Sagel from the Early Childhood Coalition presented their findings, highlighting the shortage of affordable and available childcare facilities, particularly for infants and toddlers. They pointed out that the high cost of childcare, nearly double the cost of sending a child to university, and the lack of workforce were major issues. They suggested solutions such as a trained workforce, dependable revenue stream, infrastructure for the industry to operate at lower costs,

and employer contributions to support their employees with childcare benefits. They stressed the importance of childcare for the first six years of a child's life as it contributes to 90% of brain development.

The commission discussed potential solutions such as integrating workforce career pathways in high school curriculums, repurposing public facilities for childcare, funding for teachers, and establishing an apprenticeship program.

B. Discussions on 2024 Goals

The Commission discussed opportunities and plans to move forward. The decision was made to focus on new goals for 2024, which will be presented for review and approval. There was a discussion on the difficulties faced during work sessions, particularly with quorum issues and the formal nature of the meetings.

C. Establishing Working Groups

The Commission discussed the childcare working group was the only one established. They suggested the possibility of establishing subcommittees to follow up on issues before the next meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk