



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Monday, November 2nd, 2015
City Hall, 301 West Second Street, in the Council Chambers

Call Meeting to Order at 4:08 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Ora Houston, Chair*
2. *Council Member Kathie Tovo, Vice Chair*
3. *Council Member Ellen Troxclair*

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes

Addition to Item #4: Council Member Houston and Council Member Garza were designated as Committee leads on Health and Human Services Department Public Health Accreditation Board accreditation efforts.

Correction to Items #6 and #7: Move the motion on reasonable accommodation process that followed Item #7 to Item #6 as the motion was derived from the public testimony on Item #6.

Council Member Tovo moved approval of the Minutes from Health and Human Services Committee Meetings of September 16th, 2015 with corrections, seconded by Council Member Houston, motion passes 3-0 with Council Member Garza off the dais.

Citizen Communication: General

2. **Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed two minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. (limit of 10 speakers).**

Eight (8) speakers signed up to speak, three (3) speakers donated their time to Mr. Michael Fossum to speak on coyote management policy; Mr. Vince Cobalis spoke on Asian American quality of life; Ms. Jill Ramirez and Ms. Isabel Lopez spoke on Latino quality of life.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. Briefing on the allocation of Health and Human Services Department 2016 funding in the areas of public health infrastructure, health equity and social services contracts (Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services).

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department Director Shannon Jones presented a high level summary of the FY16 new funding allocation.

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department Assistant Director Kym Maddox will provide to the Committee a copy of updated department performance measures once they are available.

4. Briefing regarding the implementation of a scholarship initiative that provides a 50% discount for youth services such as after school activities, summer camps, and Austin Nature Science Center programming for low income qualifying families and individuals (Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department).

Parks and Recreation Department Assistant Director Kimberly McNeeley presented a new initiative that will make youth services more accessible for low income families.

Ms. McNeeley will provide to the Committee information on PARD Youth Sports Partner program.

5. Substance Use Disorder Plan & Report (Ellen Richards, Chief Strategy Officer, Austin/Travis County Integral Care).

Austin/Travis County Integral Care Chief Strategy Officer Ellen Richards provided a briefing on ways to combat substance use disorders through collaboration with government and non-profit partners.

6. Discussion of process and review of applications for the Central Health Board of Managers (Deena Estrada, Business Process Specialist, Jannette Goodall, City Clerk, Clerk's Office).

City Clerk's Office Business Process Specialist Deena Estrada briefed the Committee on the selection process for Central Health Board of Managers.

Executive session to discuss possible candidates was moved to November 30th, 2015.

7. Future Items

The Committee proposed that December 7th meeting was dedicated to selecting a candidate Central Health Board of Managers.

Items for January 18th, 2016 Committee meeting may include Animal Services update; Early Childhood Development referred by the Mayor's Office; a semi-annual update from Dell Medical School and Central Health.

Adjourn at 6:08 pm.