



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

May 24, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

1. Council Member Kathie Tovo
2. Council Member Vanessa Fuentes
3. Council Member Ann Kitchen
4. Mayor Steve Adler – off the dais
5. Mayor Pro Tem Natasha Harper-Madison - off the dais

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes.

Vice Chair Fuentes moved to approve the minutes of the Health and Human Services Committee meeting on April 7, 2021. Seconded by Council Member Kitchen. Passed on a 3-0 vote with Mayor Adler and MPT Harper-Madison off the dais.

Citizen Communication: General

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).

None

Briefing

2. Briefing and discussion on issues related to homelessness.

The Committee received a presentation from Dianna Grey, Chief Homeless Strategy Officer.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a joint advisory body to discuss public health issues.

The Committee received a presentation from Myrna Rios, City Clerk's Office. The Committee did not take action and will bring this item forward at a future meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action relating to changing the name of the Health and Human Services Committee to the Public Health Committee and amending Section 2-5-103 (Council Committees Created; Subject Matter of Each Committee) of the City Code.

The Committee voted to change the name of the Health and Human Services Committee to the Public Health Committee. Motioned by Council Member Kitchen, seconded by Vice Chair Fuentes. Passed on a 3-0 vote with Mayor Adler and MPT Harper-Madison off the dais. Staff was directed to place as an Item from Committee for Council approval.



5. Discussion and possible action on the Health and Human Services Committee's 2021 meeting schedule.

The Chair distributed the new schedule for the Committee's consideration. The new schedule was adopted by the Committee. Motioned by Council Member Kitchen, seconded by Vice Chair Fuentes. Passed on a 3-0 vote with Mayor Adler and MPT Harper-Madison off the dais.

Future Items

- 6.** *Vice Chair Fuentes requested a briefing on budget related requests from the Quality of Life Commissions and other commissions as it relates to public health services.*

Adjourned at 11:37 am.