

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Held September 21, 2010  
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101,  
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

**1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:05pm.**

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair, Council Member Randi Shade
2. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez
3. Council Member Laura Morrison

**2. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, August 17, 2010.**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on July 22, and July 23, 2010. Second by Council Member Morrison. Motion unanimously carries.*

**3. Citizen Communications**

Marilyn, Edward, and Doots Defour spoke on social service issues.

**4. Review proposed revisions to Section 9-4-14 of the City Code, SITTING OR LYING DOWN ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA PROHIBITED, and take appropriate action. (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Dept., and Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services, Health & Human Services Dept.)**

There were many speakers for and against that spoke including Richard Troxell and Chief Art Acevedo. The Downtown Austin Alliance and Austin Police Department spoke in favor of leaving the Ordinance as is. The Homeless Coalition spoke in favor of changes to the Ordinance.

*Motion by MPT Martinez to accept Ordinance changes to E (2) and E (7), not E (1), of Chapter 9-4-14, seconded by Council Member Morrison unanimously passed*

**5. Report by Austin Energy on the implementation of policies protecting vulnerable customers during extreme weather conditions (Jawana Gutierrez, Customer Care Vice-President, Austin Energy)**

AE staff discussed protection policies for at risk customers. MPT Martinez asked to have the number of disconnections averted due to the new policy.

**6. Status Report on Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services and Bruce Mills, Acting Assistant Director, Animal Services, Health & Human Services Dept.)**

Staff gave an update on the progress of the animal services Implementation Plan.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Social Services Request for Proposals (RFP) process: RFP documents, Evaluation Matrix, Transition Plan. (David Lurie, Director, Health & Human Services Department, and Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services)**

*Motion made by Council Member Morrison, seconded by Council Member Shade, we support the recommendations by staff with the motions, modifications and comments that Council Members made, unanimously passed.*

*Motion by MPT Martinez to change the matrix scoring to 3.5 and 3.0 in categories four and five, respectively, seconded by Council Member Shade passes 2-1.*

Subcommittee Member statements and comments:

- We will state that we are committed to funding all five of these goals under Self Sufficiency
- We agree with the \$50,000 minimum
- We will address from the dais the transition plan, with staff comment.
- On the issue of Outcomes, between now and the 30<sup>th</sup> would like to get input about demographic outcomes related issues as they are spelled out in the RFP, they might allow for minor modifications.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action on the reallocation of FY 2009-10 Social Service Funding Opportunities.**

Postponed for discussion at next meeting of the PHHS.

**9. Review Public Health Interlocal Agreement with Travis County on Council's September 23, 2010 Agenda and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, HHSD and Melanie Miller, Chief Administrative Officer, HHSD).**

*Motion to by Mayor Pro Tem to recommend approval of the Public Health Interlocal Agreement by the PHHS to the Council, seconded by Council Member Laura Morrison, unanimously approved.*

**10. Review Austin Resource Center for the Homeless on Council's September 23, 2010 Agenda and Take Appropriate Action (David Lurie, Director, HHSD and Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director of Human Services, HHSD).**

*Motion to by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to recommend approval of the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless RCA by the PHHS to the Council, seconded by Council Member Laura Morrison, unanimously approved.*

**11. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, or at the call of the committee chair.**

Council Member Shade mentioned the unallocated \$380,000.

**12. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:53