

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

Meeting Held May 15th, 2012
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, Boards and Commissions Room,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 3:06pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Council Member Mike Martinez, Chair
2. Council Member Laura Morrison
3. Council Member Chris Riley

1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, March 20th, 2012.

Motion by Council Member Riley to approve the Minutes of the meetings held Tuesday, April 17th, 2012 and April 23rd, 2012, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion unanimously carries, 3-0.

2. Citizen Communications.

Keston Broughton on mobile food vendors, trailers.

3. Status Report on the Animal Shelter, the Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes, and the Austin Pets Alive license agreement, and take appropriate action (Abigail Smith, Chief Animal Services Officer).

Abigail reported a 91% Live Outcome rate for April, 2012. Citizen speakers included Dr. Ellen Jefferson, Brad Beam, and Sasha Evaur.

4. Briefing on 1115 Medicaid Waiver by Central Health (Ann-Marie Price, Director of Government Affairs, Central Health, Jeff Knodel, Director of Regional Healthcare Partnership, Central Health)

Council Member mentioned an interest in Permanent Supportive Housing being considered.

5. Staff Briefing on the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Critical Health Indicators Report (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD, Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director, HHSD)

During the briefing to the Committee Council Member Morrison expressed concern regarding African American indicators. Staff assured continuing work in that area.

6. Update on Board and Care Homes and take appropriate action. (David Lopez, Chief Sanitarian, HHSD, Vince Delisi, Assistant Division Chief, HHSD).

Citizen speaker, Joan Bartz.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to sponsor the resolution forwarded by staff for the May 24th Council agenda, seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 3-0.

7. Staff response to the Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) recommendations regarding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or “food stamps”) (Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director, HHSD, Robert Kingham, Program Supervisor, HHSD)

Council Members Martinez and Morrison requested staff advertise the Program and Benefit Bank broadly.

8. Presentation regarding Rapid Anticonvulsant Medications Prior to Arrival Time (RAMPART) study. (Ashton Cumberbatch, Vice President, Advocacy and Community Relations, SETON)

SETON reports back to Committee favorably on a seizure study reported in the New England Journal of Medicine. The Committee and Council supported the study earlier, Dr. Millea presented.

9. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 19th, 2012, or at the call of the committee chair.

Adjourned at 5:07pm