

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

Meeting Held Monday, February 18th, 2014
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in the Boards & Commissions Room,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 3:02 pm.

Committee Members Present:

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

Council Member Kathie Tovo also in attendance

1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Monday, December 16th, 2013 and Tuesday, January 21st, 2014.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to approve the Minutes of the December 16th, 2013, and Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 meetings seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 3-0.

2. Citizen Communications.

None.

3. Briefing on recommendations for the Social Services Contracts Request for Applications (RFA) process and related procurement matters. (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD, Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD).

Staff presented on the RFA process. Council Member Morrison asked if the bonus points were equally weighted. Stephanie suggested they should not be equally weighted and that One Voice had been consulted. Morrison also asked if Meals on Wheels would qualify under “local business presence.” Staff responded yes.

Citizen speakers:

Angela Jo Touza-Medina with the Commission on Immigrant Affairs. She conveyed the Commissions wish that the RFA process is culturally sensitive and that the CIA be allowed to weigh in on “...immigrant-related social service investments.”

Motion by Council Member Morrison to approve scoring option A with the provision the bonus scoring is separate from the point total, motion carries, 3-0.

4. Briefing on recommendations for the Economic Development Contracts Request for Applications (RFA) process to establish contracts with community-based organizations for services that promote industry-based workforce development and related procurement matters. (Rodney Gonzales, Deputy Director, Economic Development Department; David A. Colligan, Manager-Global Business

Recruitment and Expansion, Economic Development Department; Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD, Laura LaFuente, Grant Coordinator, HHSD). Staff presented on the economic development RFA including stakeholder meetings and goals. The target release date of the RFA is April 28th, 2014. Chair Martinez asked that the process not harm long time successful providers. Director Gonzales assured that would not happen. The Committee asked for a list of high demand jobs.

5. **Briefing on the use of Electronic Cigarettes in Austin/Travis County (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD; Dr. Philip Huang, Health Authority, HHSD).**
Postponed.
6. **Update on (Resolution No. 20130509-031) Sustainable Strategies for Preserving Affordable Housing Stock (Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director, NHCD; Elizabeth Mueller, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin, Community and Regional Planning; Mandy De Mayo, Executive Director, HousingWorks Austin).**
The panel presented on affordable housing stock in light of declining affordability in Austin/Travis County and increasing evidence of threats to existing affordable housing. In response to a question posed by Council Member Morrison the presenters hope to have specific recommendations for the Committee by the end of June 2014.
7. **Briefing regarding services provided by Lone Star Circle of Care. (Dr. Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee, President-Medical Affairs, Lone Star Circle of Care).**
Council Member prefaced the presentation by noting his recent visit to a Lone Star Circle of Care site. Dr. Tamarah reviewed the continuum of services offered by Lone Star, involvement with AISD, and described their “consumer centric service delivery model” for low/no income residents.

Adjourned at 5:06pm