



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

Meeting Held Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
City Hall, 301 West Second Street, in the Council Chambers

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### **Call Meeting to Order at 2:09 pm.**

*Committee Members Present:*

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **1. Minutes**

*Council Member Garza moved approval of the Minutes from Health and Human Services Committee Meeting of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, seconded by Council Member Troxclair, motion passes 4-0.*

### **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.**

*Susana Almanza, Erik Granados, Stephanie Martens, Craig Nazor, David Lundstedt, Zoila Vega signed up to speak.*

### **Discussion and Possible Action**

3. **Discussion and possible action on a resolution related to funding policy goals for social service contracts and the Health and Human Services Department. Sponsors: Council Member Delia Garza, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, Council Member Ann Kitchen, and Council Member Leslie Pool (Council Member Delia Garza; Robert Kingham, HHS Manager, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department; Mary McDowell, One Voice).**

*Committee discussed whether the budget policy adopted by Resolution 20141211-114 needs to be amended to direct the City Manager to develop as part of the annual budget process for Council consideration an annual increase to existing social service and workforce development contracts in an amount equal to, or greater than 3%, and maintains the policy*

*goal to incorporate an annual increase for the Health and Human Services Department in an amount equal to, or greater than, the annual percent increase in population growth in addition to any proposed budget increases for cost of living salary adjustments, health care costs, or fuel costs in future proposed budgets for Council consideration.*

*Motion by Council Member Garza to recommend to full Council the adoption of the proposed resolution directing the City Manager to develop as part of the annual budget process for Council consideration an annual increase to existing social service and workforce development contracts in an amount equal to, or greater than 3%, and maintains the policy goal to incorporate an annual increase for the Health and Human Services Department in an amount equal to, or greater than, the annual percent increase in population growth in addition to any proposed budget increases for cost of living salary adjustments, health care costs, or fuel costs in future proposed budgets for Council consideration, seconded by Council Member Tovo. The motion carries 3-1 with Council Member Troxclair opposed.*

#### Updates from Health and Humans Services Community Partners

##### **5. Central Health update on operations, services and access to health care for Travis County residents. (Christie Garbe, Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer).**

*Christie Garbe, Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer for Central Health provided the update on operations, services and access to health care for Travis County residents.*

#### Discussion and Possible Action

##### **4. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore options and locations for the provision of safe, durable, 24-hour free public toilets (Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo).**

*Committee discussed a resolution directing the City Manager to convene relevant Downtown stakeholders, including the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, Front Steps, Caritas, the Salvation Army, the Downtown Austin Alliance, congregations, and other providers offering resources to the homeless to make recommendations about options, locations, and funding for the provision of safe, durable, 24-hour free public toilets.*

*Motion by Council Member Tovo to approve draft resolution with understanding that revisions will be made before it goes to full Council on January 28th, 2016, seconded by Council Member Garza. The motion carries 3-0-1 with Council Member Troxclair abstained.*

#### Staff Briefing

##### **6. Staff briefing regarding referral from Mayor's Office related to reducing Animal Shelter intake, including spay/neuter (Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Services Officer).**

*Del Goss, Patt Nordyk, Pat Valls-Trelles, Ryan Clinton, Zoila Vega signed up to speak on the item.*

*Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Services Officer provided a briefing on reducing Animal Shelter intake, including spay/neuter ordinance.*

*Animals Services to provide to the Committee information on how they comply with the City Code § 3-1-27 - REPORTING BY ANIMAL SHELTER.*

*Animal services to provide clarification as to the role of Health Authority as it relates to animal services.*

**7. Staff briefing on whether the City should adopt an Ordinance that generally prohibits cruelty and promotes humane treatment of animals (Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Services Officer).**

*David Lundstedt, Craig Nazor, Zoila Vega, signed up to speak on the item.*

*Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Services Officer, Sgt. Perez, Austin Police Department provided a briefing on possible adoption of a City Ordinance that generally prohibits cruelty and promotes humane treatment of animals.*

*Austin Police Department to provide to the Committee data on the number of incidents of animal cruelty/abuse reported over the past year.*

**8. Future Items**

*Items proposed at this time for the Health and Human Services Committee meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 include: Update from Dell Medical School; Staff Briefing on Coyote Management Policies in Austin/Travis County; Progress Report Regarding Equity Tool (Resolution No. 20150507-027).*

**Adjourn at 4:53 pm.**

The minutes were approved on this the 9th day of March 2016 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Tovo's second on a 3:0 vote with Council Member Troxclair off the dais.