



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Wednesday, April 12, 2017
City Hall, 301 West Second Street, in the Council Chambers

Call Meeting to Order at 3:33 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Ora Houston, Chair*
2. *Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo*
3. *Council Member Delia Garza*
4. *Council Member Ann Kitchen*

Withdrawn

1. Item 4, E-cigarettes

CM Houston withdrew item 4 because it was not ready for public review; once Legal is through with the item, it will be brought back.

Approval of Minutes

2. Minutes

Motion by Council Member Garza to approve the Minutes from Health and Human Services Committee Meeting of February 8, 2017, seconded by Council Member Kitchen. The motion carries 4-0.

Citizen Communication: General

3. **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).**

Five speakers signed up for Citizen's Communication. One of the five speakers was not present at the time of Citizen Communication.

CM Houston welcomed CM Ann Kitchen, the newest Committee Member.

Discussion and possible action

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Northeast Health Center and the need to improve access to health services.**

Director Shannon Jones discussed increasing access to primary and public health services for the NE neighborhoods in Austin and Travis County. CM Houston requested clarification on which day in the month care is provided so the public can be informed. CommunityCare provides care through Central Health; Central Health will confirm which day and let CM Houston know.

4. Staff briefing and discussion regarding the creation of a Public Health Advisory Commission

Director Shannon Jones discussed creating an independent Public Health Advisory Commission. He encouraged Council to consider supporting the efforts of the collaboration. Larry Wallace, Central Health Interim CEO, also spoke to Council in support of this endeavor. Committee Members approved moving forward with this item.

Future Items

5. Discussion of future agenda items.

Central Health Board of Managers interviews for May 8, 2017. Council will meet prior to May 8 and discuss candidates in an Executive Session.

APH needs to provide budget presentation to show where we are in our budget, what we've increased and what we should consider increasing further to meet the intent of the resolution from last term's Council.

CM Houston discussed 2 resolutions received by Council October 2016 from Human Rights Commission regarding gentrification as a human rights issue. The Human Rights Commission will talk to Council on what action they can take to address this concern.

Adjourn at 4:30 pm

The minutes were approved on this the 8th day of May 2017 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 4-0 vote.