

**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
October 1, 2020 Meeting**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandi Farkas at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:	Staff:
Mary Anne Dillon	Lynn Sordel, PRCA Director and Staff Liaison
Vanessa Villavicencio - absent	Mary-Anne Grafton
Pam Hurst	Misty Burton-Burke
Michelle Reitan	Leah Jensen
Chair Sandi Farkas	
Vice Chair Chris Collier	
Kris Hildebrandt	
City Council Liaison:	
Jim Smith	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 3, 2020 minutes approved with corrections.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hurst provided an update on Whispering Pines residents. The residents received assistance from the Community of Colors Coalition and Volunteers of America in filling out applications to apply for financial assistance from a grant received by the City of Lynnwood.

DISCUSSION:

Follow-up Discussion on Fenn Report Priorities

Commissioners discussed the merits and implementation of the recommendations from the Fenn report identified at the September 3, 2020 meeting as the group's priorities for action. Director Sordel offered to provide a summary of this discussion.

1 **Stakeholder/Partner Meeting**

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3 Commissioners discussed a follow-up meeting of the 13 community healthcare
4 providers (stakeholders) interviewed for the Fenn report. The desired outcomes of a
5 meeting with the stakeholders was discussed; “What do we want to learn?”
6 Commissioners decided Zoom would be the platform used to meet with the
7 stakeholders. Commissioners agreed to meet on October 19, 2020 to discuss what a
8 meeting with stakeholders would look like, what questions should be asked.
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10 **Comments from Verdant Health Commission Board**

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12 The Fenn report was shared with Verdant’s Board of Directors. Director Sordel met with
13 Verdant Health Commission CEO Lisa Edwards to discuss the areas from the Fenn
14 report that were of interest to the board members. Verdant’s Board of Directors
15 highlighted the following areas from the Fenn report:
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- 17 • Transportation access to medical care
 - 18 • Lack of funding for eyeglasses
 - 19 • Food insecurity
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21 Verdant’s Board will prepare briefs for each of these topics with ideas on how Verdant
22 can assist the Human Services Commission and the City of Lynnwood with these
23 issues. Verdant will attend a future Human Services Commission meeting to provide a
24 summary of how they can help.
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26 It was determined that Verdant’s areas of interest from the Fenn report do not overlap
27 with the Commissioners identified priorities.
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29 **OTHER BUSINESS/REPORTS**

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31 Commissioner Dillon informed the commissioners that Volunteers of America will
32 conduct interviews with community members to talk about their new space.
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34 The Human Services Commission will provide a report of their work to Council in early
35 2020.
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37 **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

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39 Council member Smith informed the commissioners that the Fenn report was shared
40 with Lynnwood’s City Council.
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42 ***NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2020***

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44 ***ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM***

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46 ***SUBMITTED BY Sandi Farkas, CHAIR***

1 Recorded by:
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3 Leah Jensen
4 Executive Assistant
5 City of Lynnwood