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# Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:00 p.m.

Harrigan Centennial Hall

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## Commission Members:

Rachel Worthey, Crystal Duncan, Annette Evans, Elise Davidson Kitka,  
Woody Widmark, Amanda Roberts, Paul Bahna

JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worthey called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rachel Worthey, Annette Evans, Woody Widmark, Paul Bahna-Via Zoom

Commissioners Absent: Elise Davidson Kitka (excused), and Amanda Roberts (excused)

Assembly Liaison: JJ Carlson

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk

### III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

### IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes)*

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### VI. REPORTS

Chair –None.

Commissioners – None.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – None.

Other(s) – None.

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Presentation: Home Health Care

Sue Litman shared an update on home-based care, previously known as the home health department. Litman highlighted the difference in care quality between the closed program and the current system, emphasizing the importance of coordinated and comprehensive care. Elizabeth Faulkner, Elizabeth Mosher, Cindy Litman, and Auriella Hughes commented on SEARHC's decision to close the certified Medicare home health agency. Concerns were raised about the impacts that this would have on patient care.

**B. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair**

Duncan moved to nominate Worthey for the Chair position. Motion passed unanimously.

Evans moved to nominate Duncan for the Vice-Chair position. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Update from Working Groups**

The Commission discussed the childcare working group was the only one established. They suggested the possibility of establishing subcommittees to follow up on issues before the next meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Worthey moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.**

Attest:  
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk