



**FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Via Zoom Teleconference

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Christina Colon, Bonnie Fox, Gaby Garcia, Miriam Herrera, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Dolores Romero, Elena Lopez, Shamsheer Bhandari,

*Members Absent:* Martha Villanueva, Hilda Zamora

*Council Liaison:* Annette Rodriguez, Mayor

*Staff:* Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager,  
Executive Secretary  
Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor

*Agency Representative:* None.

*Guest:* Ray Bercini, Saving Innocence

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bonnie Fox

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Laurie Rios and seconded by Dolores Duran to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No Report

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following:

**Human Trafficking Presentation – Ray Bercini, Saving Innocence**

Mr. Ray Bercini, a retired detective with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided a presentation on Human Trafficking to the Family and Human Services Advisory members. Mr. Bercini now working with Saving Innocence, a non-profit organization, works with various local and federal task forces. The presentation included an understanding of how human trafficking is handled by law enforcement and victim services. These two different units include investigation, prosecution and services offered to victims. The presentation also included information on how to identify red flags and warning signs, understand the impact of commercial sexual exploitation and provided resources on how members can become a knowledgeable advocate in supporting children with lived experience & making a meaningful difference.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

A. ***Family and Human Services Division & Program Updates***

Executive Secretary Ramirez gave a recap of the reports in the Family and Human Services Committee packet including the COVID -19 testing at Little Lake Park, Spring Break Camp, Chalk-it out, Easter Egg-stravaganza, SFS Art Fest, and Library programming. Members are encouraged to refer back to the report for more information.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Site** – Executive Secretary Ramirez reported that the Family and Human Services staff is collaborating with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC-DPH) and Fulgent Genetics to offer a mobile COVID-19 vaccination and booster site for residents and employees. Members of the FHSAC Advisory are encouraged to refer to the staff report for more information.

11. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

Alzheimer and Dementia presentation

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rodriguez commented on the Human Trafficking presentation and the Mobile Booster and Vaccination site.


Member Garcia commented on the new fitness court and children playing on the equipment.

Laurie Rios commented on the Human Trafficking presentation.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.

  
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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary