

**Quality of Life
Council Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Media Briefing Room

Members Present: Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6, Chair*
Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros, *District 1*
Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, *District 3*

Members Absent: Councilmember Diane Cibrian, *District 8*

Staff Present: Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Ramiro Salazar, *Library Director*; Dr. Fernando Guerra, *Health Director*; Charles Pruski, *Health Assistant Director*; Bryan Alsip, *Health Assistant Director*; Viki Ash, *Library*; Edward Guzman, *Assistant City Attorney*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Theresa De La Haya, *University Health System*; Camerino Salazar, *University Health System*; Christine Rutherford-Stuart, *University Health System*; Faris Hodge, Jr.

Call to order

Due to lack of a quorum, the Committee addressed Item 2.

2. Presentation on the Young Pegasus Poetry Contest

Presented by Ramiro Salazar, Director, Library Department

Dr. Viki Ash presented information on the Young Pegasus Poetry Program open to children ages 18 and under. She noted that 1,750 poems were submitted for consideration and 86 were selected for inclusion in the Young Pegasus Anthology Publication. She stated that poets selected for inclusion would receive a free copy of the Anthology. Dr. Ash reported that the poems would be read publicly during a ceremony held on Friday, May 17, 2009 at the Hermann's Sons Grand Lodge.

Councilmember Ramos entered the meeting at this time.

Dr. Ash provided copy of the 1964 Anthology to Councilmember Cisneros that included a submission by her husband, Henry Cisneros when he was 16 years old.

Ramiro Salazar invited the Committee to attend the event and noted that the experience could inspire a lifetime of writing to the participants.

The Committee recommended that Mr. Salazar explore adding the Young Pegasus Anthology Ceremony as a segment of the City produced program "Our Part of Town".

Chairperson Herrera announced that a quorum was now present and the Committee would address Item 1.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting on March 10, 2009

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on the transition of Services to University Health System (UHS)

Presented by: Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director, City of San Antonio Health Department and Theresa De La Haya, R.N., M.P.H, Senior Vice President of University Health System, Community Health and Clinical Preventive Programs

Dr. Fernando Guerra provided an overview of the evaluation of Preventive Health Services transitioned from Metro Health to the University Health System (UHS). He reported the following: 1) Continued high patient satisfaction with the quality of service and nursing support; 2) Improved access to health system resources; 3) Improvements in health information and coordination; and 4) Challenges that included clinic efficiency, patient wait times, and decreases in service volume.

Dr. Guerra cited transition benefits to include: 1) Continued access to quality health services; 2) Eliminated service duplications between Metro Health and UHS; 3) Improved coordination of care for patients and linkage to a medical home; 4) Staff opportunities in professional development; and 5) A joint effort to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of the local health system.

In response to Councilmember Cisneros regarding a decline in service at the Kenwood Clinic, Frances Gonzalez indicated that there was an increase in service during the months of August, September and October. Theresa De La Haya stated that there was a decline in service at all clinics during the implementation of an electronic medical records system. Christine Rutherford-Stuart cited several service activity patterns: 1) A service decline at the beginning of the transition period; 2) A seasonal peak in service during the months of August – September due to school immunizations; and 3) Service declines due to the holidays and the implementation of electronic medical records.

Councilmember Cisneros asked how student immunizations would be addressed. Ms. De La Haya stated that clinic hours of operation would be extended and advertised in all sectors of the City. Bryan Alsip stated that flu immunizations would be addressed with a similar process but with a wider network. He noted that pharmacists would be allowed to administer flu immunizations. He reported that the Immunization Program was awarded the greatest immunization improvement rate since 2004 nation-wide.

4. Citizens to be Heard

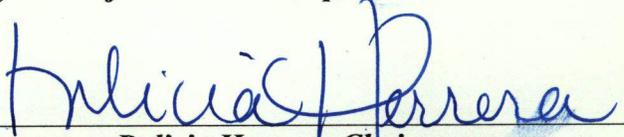
Faris Hodge Jr. addressed the Committee and stated the Dr. Fernando Guerra should receive a \$10,000 raise and that restaurant facilities and food-handlers should be inspected more frequently.

4. Consideration of items for future meetings

Chairperson Herrera stated that she would confer with staff.

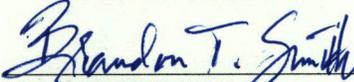
5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Delicia Herrera, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk