

10-15-25 Human Services Commission Minutes

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
 October 15, 2025

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
 SE, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Jaime Fajardo, Chair
 Manny Brown, Vice Chair
 Maury Edwards
 Madeline Fish
 Huma Mohibullah
 Jaydianette Ramirez, *excused absence*
 Ray Manahan
 Trish Bloor
 Preston Miele, *Youth Representative*

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Senior Human Services
 Coordinator

Guest Speakers:

Brooke Drennon, Friends of Youth
 Monik Martinez, 4Tomorrow
 Marnie Maraldo, Influence the Choice
 Angela Dahrea, Cheryl DeLappe, Lisa
 Stratton, Community Clothing Closet

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Chair FAJARDO called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. Staff reported that alternate Human Services Commission Beau Pulliam stepped down from his position and the alternate position will remain vacant until 2026 recruitment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 15, 2025.

FAJARDO introduced the minutes of October 15, 2025. Commissioner BLOOR motioned to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025 as presented. Commissioner FISH seconded the motion, there was unanimous consent to approve the minutes as presented.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Friends of Youth:** Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation(I)

Presented by:

Brooke Drennon, Senior Director Youth and Family Services

Brooke Drennon Senior Director Youth and Family Services from Friends of Youth provided a presentation sharing the organization's background, services, service audience and area, mission and vision, history of the organization and community impact. Friends of Youth has a site in Issaquah that provides mental health services.

- b) **4Tomorrow:** Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation(I)

Presented by:

Monik Martinez, Executive Director

Monik Martinez Executive Director from 4Tomorrow provided a presentation virtually sharing the organization's background, services, service audience and area, mission and vision, history of the organization and community impact. 4Tomorrow is a newly funded organization by Issaquah Human Services Grants.

- c) **Influence the Choice:** Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation (I)

Presented by:

Marnie Maraldo, Executive Director

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Marnie Maraldo, Executive Director from Influence the Choice provided a presentation sharing the organization's background, services, service audience and area, mission and vision, history of the organization and community impact. Influence the Choice focuses on youth substance youth prevention through education, surveys and events.

d) **Community Clothing Closet:** Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation (I)

Presented by:

Angela Dahrea, Director of Community Engagement

Cheryl DeLappe, Director of Operations

Lisa Stratton, Director of Communications

Angela Dahrea Director of Community Engagement, Cheryl DeLappe Director of Operations and Lisa Stratton Director of Communications from Community Clothing Closet provided a presentation sharing the organization's background, services, service audience and area, mission and vision, history of the organization and community impact. Community Clothing Closet is a newly formed non-profit organization providing free clothing in a sustainable, equitable and accessible environment. The organization shared details about an upcoming free clothing event.

REPORTSa) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner BLOOR shared about a thrift store opportunity in Sammamish. Commissioner Manahan asked how do commissioners know how non-profits are doing financially and staff provided information on how that is reviewed in the Human Services grant application process. Commissioner BROWN wants to relook at the application review process for newer organizations that will be discussed further in the review preparation in 2026.

b) **Youth Report**

Youth representative MIELE updated the commissioner on his role that he is no longer participating in the Youth Advisory Board and will continue serving as a youth voice on the Human Services Commission.

c) **Staff Report**

Staff discussed commissioners preference to scheduling and commissioners determined with the next meeting scheduled on November 19 as a joint meeting with the Equity Board, to postpone provider presentation to January and recess in December.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 19, 2025.