

Ricky Fernandez, Chair
Ryan Antes, Vice Chair
Jesse Blanco, Commissioner
Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner
Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner



Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner
Mike Shakhovich, Commissioner
Josh Smith, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jesse Blanco, Juanita Doplemore, Gustavo Orozco, Josh Smith,

Present: Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

Commissioners Mike Shakhovich

Excused:

Commissioners Sylvia Contreras

Absent:

CHECK-IN

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Gina Overholt reported that Commissioner Gonzalez, District 6, has resigned from the Commission. As the City's Covid-19 emergency ebbs, Overholt will be resuming Veterans Commission duties. Monthly Commission meetings may resume in August. For the time being, meetings will continue to take place via Zoom. As the state opens up, this may change. She reminded Commissioners to complete their compensation paperwork so they can receive a

monthly stipend. Only Commissioners Antes, Fernandez and Orozco have completed theirs so far.

REGULAR AGENDA

21-002VA Recommendation to receive presentation from Lisa Lobdell and Sahlee Balajadia on Care Coordination and Integrated Case Management at the VA Long Beach Healthcare System.

Lisa Lobdell, Lead Care Coordinator for Integrated Case Management, and Sahlee Balajadia, Nurse Manager for Specialty Clinics and Inpatient Case Management, presented on Care Coordination and Integrated Case Management at the VA Long Beach Healthcare System.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Antes, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Jesse Blanco, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos Gonzalez, Gustavo Orozco, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

Excused: 1 - Mike Shaknovich

Absent: 1 - Sylvia Contreras

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Overholt shared information about the VA's Covid-19 vaccination clinic, which not only provides vaccinations for Veterans, but also for their spouses and caregivers. The Veteran does not need to be enrolled at the VA to receive the free shot. Commissioner Smith shared information about a D-Day Memorial Poker Run event to raise funds for Veterans on June 5.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Louis Raprager would like to present on the non-profit Leave No One Behind at a future meeting. Commissioner Doplemore proposed that Anthony Rodriguez with Cal Vet present on new benefits and services for Veterans available through the Veterans Peer Access Network

(VPAN), operated by the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.