

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Scott Means, Vice President Samantha Green, Board Members Gerald Bryant, Michelle Buchholz, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, Cindy Pile, and Bernie Wolf

City staff: Andre Fairley and Marcie Johnson

2-A Season for Non-Violence Word of the Day

President Means shared the Word of the Day: Consistency.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve January 31, 2024 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the January 31, 2024 minutes was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Wolf. Nays: none. Abstained: Vice President Green and Board Member Pile. Motion passed 5-0-2.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josh Altieri, Community Relations Manager with the Alameda Housing Authority (AHA) provided the following update on current AHA projects:

- AHA will have 109 new affordable housing units via two new housing developments: Estuary I and Linnet Corner
- AHA is hosting a groundbreaking event on 4/24 at 3:00 pm at 2000 Lakehurst Circle
- Construction is estimated to be completed in late 2025
- AHA is investing \$8.6 million and 80 project-based vouchers toward both properties
- AHA continues to work with social service partner, LifeSTEPS as well as Alameda Food Bank, providing weekly food distribution at senior sites

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Discussion of City of Alameda's Domestic Violence Response

Nicole Britton-Snyder, Managing Attorney with Family Violence Law Center (FVLC) shared a presentation. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

Board Member Buchholz asked for clarification regarding the overall referral process once an incident happens. Ms. Britton-Snyder confirmed that there is typically an officer on the scene who can assist the survivor and will contact the FVLC mobile response team as needed.

Board Member Wolf asked for additional information on the Battered Intervention Program. Ms. Britton-Snyder provided an overview of the program.

Vice President Green asked if FVLC offers translation services. Ms. Britton-Snyder confirmed they offer these services, including visually and hearing impaired individuals.

Public Comment – None.

President Means thanked Ms. Britton-Snyder for her time and opened the floor for Board Discussion.

5-B Discussion of Social Service Human Relations Board FY 2024-25 Work Plan

Staff Member Fairley highlighted an error published in the last row of the draft work plan.

Public Comment – None.

Board Member Wolf suggested that each work group provide a formal written report and/or presentation at each meeting.

Board Member Buchholz suggested that the individual work groups share fully formed ideas each month instead of overall ideas.

Staff Member Johnson informed Board Member Wolf that he can join another work group, as he expressed interest in gaining a deeper understanding of the projects taking place.

Board Member Wolf will join Alamedans Together Against Hate and continue to serve on the Domestic Violence Task Force.

Board Members would like to add another column to the work plan where they can list possible partnerships. This would be added and used for internal purposes only.

Board Member Yamashiro-Omi highlighted the ongoing challenge of budget constraints (i.e. guest speakers, etc.).

Board Member Buchholz shared her ideas for the fourth work group, Community Connectedness.

Board Member Pile would like to be included in the “Be Well Alameda” meeting along with Board Member Buchholz and Staff Member Johnson.

5-C Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Reports

Public Comment – None

- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz, Wolf, Pile) – A recent discussion included how best to support the task force. Priorities include battered individuals and the youth. Board Member Pile shared that she will be surveying Therapists in Alameda to find out how many businesses have vacant positions, what forms of insurance they take, etc.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant) – Board Members Bryant and Yamashiro-Omi shared that Dr. Cindy Acker will speak at an upcoming City sponsored event at the Alameda Free Library on April 21, 2024. The United Against Hate Week National Group has confirmed the official dates for this year, September 21-27.
- Outreach and Community Engagement (Means, Green) – The workgroup will present the Community Needs Assessment at an upcoming Transportation Commission meeting. Board Member Yamashiro-Omi requested a copy of the two-page Community Needs Assessment infographic.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A Status Report on Homeless Services

Staff Member Johnson shared the following update:

On February 6, 2024, the Housing and Human Services Division proposed a new Service Provider Agreement with Alameda Family Services to City Council. This Agreement will fund full-time Mental Health Services at Dignity Village. City Council approved this item unanimously.

Housing and Human Services has hired two new Community Outreach Specialists: Daja Lane and Connie Dixon.

The Seasons for Nonviolence Speech Contest will be held on Saturday, March 16. There will be a morning program from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and an afternoon program from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall. City staff are looking for additional judges. This event is open to the public.

Everyone is invited to register and attend the screening of It's Basic, a film that explores the impacts of guaranteed income programs. The screening will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Alameda Theater & Cineplex.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

President Means invited everyone to register and attend the screening of It's Basic, a film that explores the impacts of guaranteed income programs. The screening will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Alameda Theater & Cineplex.

Board Member Bryant mentioned that he has noticed a recent uptick on social media of individuals complaining about the security staff at one of Alameda's Transitional Housing locations.

President Means shared the somber news that Patrick Corder, a former firefighter, passed

away from the injuries he sustained during a tragic incident at the training facility.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.