1. Call to Order

Chair Eng called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

3. Open call to the Public

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

4. Approval of Minutes

March 22, 2018

COMMISSIONER PORTNOY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 22, 2018 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR BROWN AND THE MOTION CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

5. Youth and Family Services Adult Court Program

Joanne Meierdirks, Paiute Manager, introduced Youth and Family Services staff.

Tim Ostby, Human Services Specialist, reviewed the Youth and Family Services Adult Court Program. Scottsdale City Court initiated a grant-funded pilot program in summer of 2016. By the end of June 2017, Youth and Family Services was licensed by Arizona Department of Health.
Services as a behavioral health agency authorized to do DUI screening, and two representatives were permanently placed at the court building. Matthew Alexander, Human Services Specialist, gave an overview of the seven-month pilot program preceding the July 1, 2017 permanent program startup and reviewed program statistics.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Alexander said that they give top priority to expeditiously reporting to the Court once a customer is finished with screening. Customers who complete the screening process are able to have a portion of their sentence suspended. First-time offenders have a mandatory 30-day license suspension. Once screening is completed, they qualify to operate under a restricted license. Mr. Alexander noted that offenders are a wide range of ages.

Alexandria DeLash, Human Services Specialist, described the screening process and reviewed the case management responsibilities.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. DeLash said that they offer continued case management and referrals to other agencies as needed.

Commissioners complimented staff and the court for implementing a program that will help people move through the system rather than being stuck or moving backwards.

6. Paiute Neighborhood Center – All That is Happening on Campus

Ana Valadez, Recreation Leader III, reviewed Paiute Neighborhood Center’s mission statement and talked about the various agencies housed on site. Agencies include Family Resource Center, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale, the Community Assistance Office, Stars, Hirsch Academy, Maricopa County Head Start, and WIC. Partnering agencies include the Scottsdale Bar Association, Keogh Health Connection, Eve’s Place, National Trade League, and the Scottsdale Police Department.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Valadez explained that the Handlebar Helpers program is now run by Stars and people who are in their program are responsible for rebuilding the bikes. Completed bikes are sold to community members. Ms. Meierdirks noted that the Parks and Recreation Department has an agreement with Stars to use the existing Handlebar Helpers facilities.

Michael Lopach, Human Services Specialist, reviewed statistics relating to services offered at Paiute Neighborhood Center, including social services, ready-to-eat bags, bus passes, notary services, car seat education, bread donations, food boxes, and supportive intervention. Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Lopach explained that the average number of ready-to-eat food packs allotted to a single person is six. If a person is in transition they can receive more than six packs and could be upgraded to a food box. Persons who are experiencing homelessness have an opportunity to be referred to a shelter.

Commissioner Hubbard asked if there are any programs that staff deems critical or feels should be expanded. Mr. Lopach said that staff has been working on a program, “Paiute Services”, which would be designed to encourage community members to participate in projects on campus. Ms. Meierdirks added that the program would include community leadership who are not part of a formalized volunteer group.
7. **Staff and Commission Updates**

Ms. Meierdirks said that the Adult Court Program is unique in that staff are available at the court location and can offer options for another screening if that would better meet their needs. She shared a story that highlighted the value of the social services aspect of the program.

Jennifer Zwirek, Senior Center and Adaptive Services Manager, introduced herself and discussed her background.

Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager, gave an update on activities at Vista del Camino. He noted that the Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018 and encouraged everyone to donate. Vista del Camino hosted the volunteer appreciation event on Friday, April 6, 2018. The Scottsdale Unified School District is currently screening families for the Back-to-School program which is scheduled to take place on July 25, 2018 at Scottsdale Stadium from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vista del Caminio will conduct additional screenings and will offer an evening and a weekend option. The center currently has one full-time and one part-time position that need to be filled. Vista del Camino has been working with the Penjamo Yaqui Community and artist Mario Martinez to work towards completing the community gateway art project.

Ms. Meierdirks noted that the Family Resource Center is funded by First Things First through the end of June 2018 and has submitted a response to continue funding through the one year with a three-year option. The pilot event “Messy Play,” which focuses on children playing outside, is scheduled for next Saturday.

8. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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