City of Pasadena Human Services Commission

Work Plan: 07/08/2026–06/09/2027

Mission:

The purpose of the commission is to advise and make recommendations to the council regarding the human service needs of people of all ages in this community. This commission will aid the City in facilitating collaborative efforts and a coordinated approach to improve and expand the delivery of quality human services in Pasadena. This commission is established to respond to significant unmet human service needs and gaps as identified in such documents that include, but are not limited to, the Early Child Development Policy, Needs Assessment, and related materials.

The commission shall:

1. Facilitate bringing City and community resources together to ensure the delivery of effective human services to people of all ages;
2. Formulate ideas and suggest plans and programs designed to promote the availability and effectiveness of human services;
3. Promote cooperation and collaboration among local agencies, organizations and commissions involved in the delivery of human services, consistent with the roles and responsibilities outlined in such documents as the Human Services Commission work plan;
4. Recommend priorities to the council for City resources which respond to identified unmet human service needs;
5. Collaborate with commissions, advisory groups, community agencies, provider organizations, groups, and individuals to facilitate effective collaboration in addressing human service issues in Pasadena;
6. Advise the council on ways to achieve human service goals consistent with council-adopted policies which address human services.

FY 2026–2027 Ad Hoc Committees:

Ad Hoc Committee: Objective #1 – Early Childhood & Elementary-Aged Children

Ad Hoc Committee: Objective #2 – People Experiencing Homelessness

Ad Hoc Committee: Objective #3 – Access to Affordable Healthcare

Ad Hoc Committee: Objective #1 – Early Childhood & Elementary-Aged Children

Objective Purpose: Support developmental health of children in Pasadena with a lens toward equity. Promote awareness of resources for children, female heads of households, and caregivers.

Commissioners: Barnwell-Scott, Sotelo, Apodaca, Lee

Action Items:

- Determine ways to support agencies to support young children.
- Collaborate with the Office of the Young Child to develop a resource guide for female heads of household and caregivers.
- See the results of the 2022 Early Childhood Development Policy, what has been implemented, and if there are any recognizable changes due to the implementation.

Status:

Ad Hoc Committee: Objective #2 – People Experiencing Homelessness

Objective Purpose: Increase the availability of interim and temporary housing in Pasadena and advocate for policies targeted for women, seniors, and domestic violence survivors.

Commissioners: Orlando, Grater, Paccerelli, Edoria, ~~Offray~~ (resigned, July 13, 2026)

Action Items:

- Collaborate with the Commission on the Status of Women and the Senior Commission to better address the needs of those subgroups of the unhoused population.
- Advocate for more targeted policies to address the housing needs of domestic violence survivors.
- Work with City Council and the HHPC (Housing, Homelessness, and Planning Committee) to advance plans for transitional housing.

Status:

Ad Hoc Committee: Objective #3 – Access to Affordable Healthcare

Objective Purpose: Consolidate and increase awareness of resources for affordable and equitable healthcare.

Commissioners: Wilson, Orlando, Edoria, Barnwell-Scott, Apodaca

Action Items:

- Collaborate with the Accessibility and Disability Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Collaborate with PPHD (Pasadena Public Health Department) and PUSD (Pasadena Unified School District) on identifying gaps in access to healthcare (substance abuse, mental health, reproductive health, maternal & infant health, chronic disease, older adults).

Status: