

Human Rights Committee
April 6, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Kim Brown, Shirley Decker, Sean Novak, Carole Richardson, Kira Gray, Elizabeth Husbands, Susan Poindexter, Robert Newby, Blossom Hill

Members Absent: Lori Flynn-Tyree, Jeremy Dickman

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Motion by Lori Flynn Tyree to accept the minutes of February 2, 2009 as amended; seconded by Carol; unanimously approved.
 - Change date on Incident Report to reflect updated date. (Remove DRAFT). PDF file on County Website.
 2. Legislative Activity – Kim Brown: Handout Documents. State and National Level Action.
 3. Current Issues
 - a) **Incident Report Form**
 - Change the date to reflect updated date & remove draft. Post on website Kira would like to publicize within the education community.
 - Motion by Bob to revise lead sentence of paragraph 3 to read “While the HRC has no Enforcement authority to act of discrimination... Motion Seconded by Susan and unanimously carried.
 - Suggestion to print Incident Reports on a specific color as well as county seal.
 - Add over to Footer of page 1 to indicate there is a second page.
 - b) **Subcommittee meeting regarding Goal Development**
 - Kira met with Joe Pivs the MP Public School Supervisor and once goals are formalized he would like to have the information to distribute throughout Education Community.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2009 @ 5:00p.m. @ BH to work on developing 2nd Goal.
 4. **Autism Awareness Month**
 - Resource Fair April 25th Library Anex from 10-5p.m.
 - Request from HRC to set up a table with incident reports form & other advertisement information.
 - Active Minds Stress out day April 5th in Finch Field house.
 - Forum dealing with families with Mental Illness.
 - Request to have informational materials and booth available.
- Motion passed by ARC representative at fair by Sean; seconded by Kim and unanimously carried.

4. New Business

Carol:

- Add section for public comment forum and add Diversity Coordinator report as number 2.

Bob:

- Public forum provide opportunity to discuss issues related to diversity issues.

Carol:

- Recommendation to develop HRC website to contain links to minutes, meeting agendas, links to community resources & other resources. Incident report motion to adopt recommendation by Kim, Seconded by Sean. Carried unanimously.
- Information regarding CMU Strategic Plan, component to include greater Mount Pleasant Community. Flyer presented advertising information.

Kim:

- Question regarding application for 2% funding.

Lori:

- Request presented to participate in Disability Awareness Month again with CMU.
- Will be absent next month due to a conference, Carol will chair.

Bob:

- Information regarding flyer received by Kathleen Ling KKK Headquarters. Ideas about how to combat/ address these kinds of things and others have received similar flyers.
- HRC taking stance on thing that impact the community negative.

Sean:

- Asian Awareness month is Mid March-Mid April. Information will be forwarded as development progresses.
- Request from African Student Association to assist with co-sponsoring event.
- Proposal to cut King Chavez Park funding by Gov. It affects programs and positions.
- Question regarding existence of AA advocate at MPHs. Former graduate reports event a years ago, where a student arrived at school in black face and was unaddressed by school staff.

Bob:

- Inform MI HRC that Isabella County HRC exists.

Kira:

- Proposed budget cuts will have a widespread impact on county education.
- Mix-It-Up program through teaching tolerance. Kira/Blossoms support will write grant for materials to support program. \$ 500.00

Next meeting is April 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

