

Human Rights Committee
September 14, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Shirley Decker, Patty Csernai, William Calhoun, Elizabeth Husbands,
Lori Flynn Tyree, Sue Poindexter, Laura Gonzales, Carol Richardson

Members Absent: Robert Newby

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- Moved by Shirley and seconded by William Calhoun.

2. Public Comment

- Will Westerfield of the MPADG offered an invitation to the MI Response to Hate Conference set for September 25, 2009. Laura Gonzales and Will Westerfield will be attending and carpooling to East Lansing, MI. This is a free conference and meals and parking are provided. Those interested in attending must register online at the MIAAHC website.
- Will Westerfield received a call from a faculty member regarding a safe doctor for transgendered individual. LGBTQ interested in developing a directory, not sure as to what form the directory will take but he is looking to recruit individuals to participate on and in the project. Has already contacted Listening Ear, Law enforcement and some local agencies. Open to any service providers in the area – Long term project.

3. Diversity Coordinator Report

- Notes from the Disability Awareness committee stating about the month. The HRC will be conducting a Soup and Substance on October 28, 2009 from 12-1pm in the Bovee Center. The DAC is having a fair on October 17, 2009 from 10-3pm in Finch Field house.
- Blossom Hill will be conducting diversity training for Commission on Aging.
- Meeting with Superintendent Pius in regard to forming relations between the county and the public schools.
- 2 positions for committee remain open.
- Attending MI Hate conference on behalf of the County in Lansing, MI on September 25, 2009.
- Received a call regarding Housing Issues from a resident when the resident refused to sign a leasing agreement because of issues of live sockets exposed, holes in the wall, and etc and upon requesting a property inspection the landlord gave her a 30 days' notice to leave.
- HRC will volunteer to staff a table at the Disability Awareness Fair on 10/17/09 from 10-3 in finch field house. Lori will do 10am-12pm and others will review their schedule and get to Blossom with times they are available.

4. **Legislative Activity** – Determination need to be made of what to do with this area as Kim has resigned. Blossom will research and report to committee.

5. **Old Business**

a) *HRC Website*

- One central contact, information for website for next meeting – email.
- GAD feedback – Carole & Blossom.

6. **New Business**

Will Calhoun

- Met with various offices on campus to introduce himself as the new HRC rep and took copies of incident report.
- Request to do further PR work to RSO, MASO, GSA, NAACP, and other faculty groups. Motion by Lori and seconded by Carole.

Patty

- Question do we handle incidents related to weight discrimination - yes

Laura

- Question Bi-Laws copy she received was draft current link on website.

Will

- Colleen Green. Build upon good will grown from Jerome for forgiveness.
- Student Disability Services – Accessibility concerns with potholes on Mission and Bellows. (Encourage them to complete incident report form.)
- Unified Holiday Celebration 11/5/09 – offered a table to display brochures.
- Incidents involving students and faculty needs to be referred back to CMU Affirmative Action Primarily.
- Research need for HIV Aids Council in Isabella County. Prior council was disbanded.

Next meeting is October 5, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.