

Minutes HRC meeting, June 2, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 by Sue Poindexter.

Members present: Elizabeth Husbands, Wendy Hovey, Robert Newby, Kevin Daum, Ann Swift, Sue Poindexter and Shirley Decker

Excused absentees: Amy Shawboose, Maureen N. Eke, and. Laura Gonzales

Public comments: Guest speaker: Michelle Zombeck spoke on behalf of CASA. CASA is a national organization and Michelle's chapter is based in Gratiot County. Isabella County does not have a chapter. Michelle Zombeck asked for volunteers to aid abused children by visiting them in foster care and speaking for them in court. The social workers and court appointed attorneys are over-burdened. Thirty hours of training is required to become an advocate volunteer. The volunteer usually works approximately 10 hours a week.

Shirley Decker moved to approve minutes from last meeting and Elizabeth Husbands seconded.

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Old business: none

Committee Reports:

Micro aggression subcommittee:

Met May 12. Asked all members to view presentations. Discussed who would give presentations, and speak during presentations. The next meeting will be mid-June.

Disability sub-committee:

Terry Cady spoke on behalf of the Disability Network Mid-Michigan. The network works with the mentally and physically challenged to help them live independently. They are aided by DHS and community mental health. They work on housing as well as transportation. Some of their clients include veterans. She has ADA training.

The subcommittee is meeting with Margaret McAvoy to learn what the county is doing for the disabled.

The HRC committee will be meeting with ICTC.

Inmate subcommittee: Tabled

New Business:

Laura Gonzales sent in flyer from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe about the 80th anniversary of the closure of the Indian Boarding School. There is a ceremony including breakfast, lunch, speakers, and dancers. She suggested that members of the HRC be present. It begins at the cemetery at 7:00 AM and moves over to the Boarding School. The ceremony continues until mid-afternoon and ends with dancers.

Sue Poindexter's comments -Jennifer Arnold Woodman was sent a thank you note for supervising our intern, Josh. We will have another intern.
An art director was hired.

Kevin Daum's comment- he gave a micro-aggression pamphlet to the office of Native American Affairs.

Ann Swift motioned to adjourn. Bob Newby seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:15.