

# Isabella Co Human Rights Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: September 14, 2015

Called to order: 5:20pm

## Members Present

Shirley Decker  
Robert Newby  
Sue Poindexter, Vice-Chair  
Amy Shawboose  
Maureen Eke, Chair  
Laura Gonzales  
Kevin Daum

## Excused Absentees

Anne Swift  
Wendy Hovey  
Elizabeth Husbands, Secretary  
David Ling, County Commissioner

## County Staff

Patrick Lawton, Graduate Intern

### 1. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen Eke.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Sue Poindexter and seconded by Kevin Daum. The motion was carried unanimously.

### 3. General Public Comment

There were no comments.

### 4. Approval of August 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Bob Newby and seconded by Shirley Decker. Discussion followed. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously by committee members present.

### 5. Reports:

#### a. Chair's Report

*HRC Business cards, letterhead & tee-shirts: Approval was given to order 2500 business cards, HRC letterhead and envelopes and to get quotes from LithoPrep staff on costs of tee shirts/ polo shirts, (for Committee members), tee-shirts (for give-away-items), letter-openers, pencils, or other promotional items recommended by LithoPrep staff to meet our needs. Graduate Intern Patrick Lawton will research bulk logo-bearing items including the following recommendations; bottle opener, thumb drives, cheap sunglasses, lanyards, pens, bracelets.*

b. Graduate Intern

*Patrick Lawton will resume working on the HRC newsletter. If you have any ideas about making the newsletter more accessible to the public and increasing community awareness, contact lawto1pm@cmich.edu. He will also be researching grant funding options for us. If you have ideas, thoughts, or potential leads please pass them on to him.*

c. Micro-aggression Study Training Video

*The microaggression video is being prepared for educational use for the HRC members. The committee decided to obtain a signed permission form from parents or guardians before disseminating the video. If this is not possible the footage containing the children will be edited out of the video.*

**6. Sub-Committee Updates:**

a. *Education Committee (Laura Gonzales/David Ling)*

All of the presenters met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August to review powerpoint presentations, get some feedback from Dr. Dunn, and a test of the equipment. demonstrations on how to use the equipment. Another meeting has been planned for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Shawboose brought up the ineffectiveness of the rack cards at events and suggested other methods (pens, etc.) make the community more aware of the HRC. There was discussion about distributing the findings of the micro aggression study in some new pocket-sized format.

b. *Micro-Aggression Study Budget:*

- The budget for the study is at \$7,734.39 as of September 8<sup>th</sup>.

c. *Disability (Anne Swift)*

No Report.

d. *Law Enforcement (Bob Newby)*

Bob Newby is communicating with Darryl Stinson to work with Men about Change.

**7. New Business:**

- Bob Newby will draft a letter to the Editor of the *Morning Sun* regarding confederate flag.
- The Human Rights conference at CMU is happening October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.
- The updated Incident Report form is now posted online at the HRC webpage where the email address has also been corrected.

**8. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Amy Shawboose and seconded by Sue Pointdexter at 6:35 pm.