

# **Advisory Commission on Human Relations & Disability Issues**

## **Unofficial Meeting Minutes**

September 10, 2018

5:30pm

Members present: Kim Dominic, Jim Echols, Jessie Alvarez, Don Jolley, Karen Greenwood, Tom Alonzo **QUORUM NOT PRESENT.**

Members Absent: Valorie Wells Fenton (excused), Winfred Manning (excused), Kendall McReynolds, Cindy Crable

Staff: Maritza Fernandez

Guest: Alex Martinez

- I. Call to Order at 5:39 by Jim Echols
- II. Approval of minutes from August meeting – no Quorum
- III. Presentations
  - A. Presentation by Alex Martinez, KS Organizer for the ACLU – Coalition of 21 organizations. Will send PowerPoint by email.
    1. Looked at WYCO data and identified issue. 1/5 don't have access to IDs.
    2. ACHRDI could help with implementing the program
    3. Local Government issued ID – would benefit 100% of population. People without IDs have no driving or traveling privileges. Not valid for voting
    4. 2 populations will benefit: elderly, undocumented immigrants
    5. Safer for interaction with law enforcement. Don't report crimes from fear of law enforcement.
    6. More economically vibrant community. More participation in upcoming census.
    7. Need support of the Mayor and Commission. Many communities across nation have implemented. Some cities have implemented with incentives – discounts, free stuff, etc.
    8. Q&A: Ex-convicts – Why don't they get ID that they can. A: Transportation, money (\$0), requirements (address, proof of citizenship). Q: If they don't have an address, how can they get an ID. How do they show who they are? A: That still has to be figured out. Q: What about the transportation and money issues? A: That's where the coalitions of the 21 organizations comes in. Q: Undocumented people may not be willing to come forward? A: That requires the building of trust in a welcoming community. Q: Where are you in bringing the school districts into the program? A: Effort started last year. Talked to banks, school district, KCKCC, they were supportive. As of last year, KCK law enforcement was on board.
    9. See website: [WyCoID.org](http://WyCoID.org) for FAQs or email Alex at [amartinez@ACLUKANSAS.org](mailto:amartinez@ACLUKANSAS.org)
    10. We should invite him back when we have a quorum
  - B. Event reports: - **NOT DISCUSSED**
    1. Night Out Against Crime - August 7
    2. Annual IDD Picnic in the Park – August 24
- IV. Old Business – **NOT DISCUSSED**
  - A. Special Committee on Law Enforcement - Jim Echols

- B. Planning for November KC Metro Human Relations Regional Summit – Karen Greenwood
  - C. Review of Ordinance and recommendations – Karen Greenwood, Don Jolley, Cindy Crable
  - D. Conviction Integrity Unit – Kendall McReynolds
- V. New business - General brainstorming
- A. Upcoming events
    - 1. I/DD Fall Training Day – September 11, 9 AM – 4 PM
    - 2. Unity Day Event – September 12, 8:30 AM – 4 PM, KCMO
    - 3. NAACP Banquet – September 15
    - 4. WCDDO Medicaid Training – September 21, 9 AM – 12PM
    - 5. KC Metro Human Relations Regional Summit – November 13, 6-8 PM
  - B. Other New Business
    - 1. Diabetes awareness
    - 2. Support Special Olympics
    - 3. Social hour – still waiting on responses from five people. Tuesday, September 25
    - 4. Bus tour of KCK-Wyandotte County
- VI. Adjournment – 6:37 PM

**NEXT MEETING: October 1, 2018 - 5:30 PM**