

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2018

5:30pm

Members present: Cindy Crable, Kim Dominic, Kendall McReynolds, Don Jolley, Karen Greenwood, Jessie Alvarez, Tom Alonzo, Jim Echols

Members absent: Winfred Manning, Valorie Wells-Fenton

Others present: Lynn Martin, Phyllis Wallace, Maritza Fernandez

- I. Call to Order -5:44 PM – When quorum was achieved
- II. Approval of minutes from August meeting – Karen Greenwood moved for approval, Don Jolley seconded, Minutes Approved
- III. Presentations
  - A. Event reports:
    1. Night Out Against Crime - August 7 – Kendall McReynolds reported that there was a good turnout. New table cover is very nice. A little bit of interest. People stopped to talk. A lot more young people this year
    2. Annual IDD Picnic in the Park – August 24 – Kim Dominic reported that it was a lot of fun. Phyllis Wallace added that we had a few new groups in attendance and over 300 freebies were given out.
    3. I/DD Fall Training Day – September 11 – Phyllis Wallace reported that the event went very well. Training for providers in area. Info about social security and medicare, guardianship, dual diagnoses, how to talk about sexual relationships. Will do this training annually.
    4. Unity Day Event – September 12 – Jessie Alvarez and Tom Alonzo attended – Excellent training event – really good speakers. Reporter embedded in Afghanistan interviewed a lot of women there and back home. Showed excerpts from documentary. Trying to bridge the gap between the military and civilians. Would like to provide a screening of the documentary. Perhaps we could sponsor that. Retired transgender colonel spoke and provided a lot of science background. Tech center is a wonderful facility.
    5. NAACP Banquet – September 15 – Attended by Jim Echols, Tom Alonzo, Jessie Alvarez, Kim Dominic, Phyllis Wallace. A good time was had by all. The NAACP has been in KCK for 100 years. And the food was excellent!
    6. WCDDO Medicaid Training – September 21- Phyllis Wallace reported that there was a really good turnout for the event.
    7. Social Hour at Jarocho – September 25 – Four attended with 2 guests.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Special Committee on Law Enforcement - Jim Echols – Jim, Winfred, Valorie, and Don are the subcommittee. Can subcommittee meet sometime in the next two weeks? What is our purpose? Provide a resource in recruiting diversity, and diversity issues in the police force. Phyllis shared that there was a report that showed us to have a 53% for LGBT diversity. She requested that Tom be part of the subcommittee. They will email each other to schedule something for next week.
  - B. Planning for November KC Metro Human Relations Regional Summit – Karen Greenwood – Phyllis and Maritza made a really nice flier. KC Cupcake for mini cupcakes. How about the culinary school at KCKCC for catering?

C. Review of Ordinance and recommendations – Karen Greenwood, Don Jolley, Cindy Crable – Have not met. Can they meet before the November meeting (4:30) and could the attorney be present? Karen will email.

D. Conviction Integrity Unit – Kendall McReynolds – office is ready, up and running. Need to hire the part-time lawyer and part-time investigator. Everything is separate from the DA’s office. Motto is “Minister of Justice.” First one in the State of Kansas. Kansas Statute 1507 established the opportunity for the review of cases. We need to invite him to speak to our group sometime after the first of the year.

V. New business

A. Municipal ID Initiative – Karen Greenwood – Alex Martinez of ACLU spoke at our unofficial September meeting. He would like to come speak again when we have a quorum. 1 in 5 residents of Wyandotte County do not have ID. They live on the edge. Logistics can be an issue. Law enforcement across the country supports municipal IDs. Questions about the minimum criteria for an ID. The UG will have to decide what the program looks like. Karen will check into Alex’s schedule.

B. Sponsor documentary – Jessie Alvarez – Referring to the documentary about women soldiers discussed above. Is this something we could do to as an outreach effort? Kendall moved that we sponsor the screening of the documentary of “Journey to Normal.” Tom seconded (and volunteered to help) suggestion was made that we work with the library. Motion Passed. Karen also volunteered to help.

C. Upcoming events

1. KC Metro Human Relations Regional Summit – November 13, 6-8 PM

2. Other events - none

D. Other New Business

1. Jessie wanted to mention that we are supposed to be doing an annual report. Phyllis reported to the commission as part of the Administrator’s Annual Report. Phyllis will look into this further.

2. Kendall talked about Sustained Traumatic Stress Reaction experienced especially by children in distressed living conditions. This may be something we need to look into. Kendall will do some more research. Perhaps the DA could also address this when he comes.

3. Tom has been working on the Mobile Market Community Council– Food desert - many areas don’t have access to grocery stores. They have a converted a beer truck to be a mobile market. 15 sites have been selected. It will be rolling out soon.

4. Tom spoke about diabetes education in the community. KSU did a diabetes program through Extension Office. Tom contacted KSU Extension about helping them market the program. Lori Wuellner is supposed to contact him.

5. Tom has been doing some follow-up on our NDO work. Checking out the anti-bullying programs in the schools. All four districts have one, but not sure how well enforced. There were a number of other areas that we need to check into. Do we need a sub-committee to look at raising our MEI (Municipality Equality Index)? Tom will send the report. A part of our score is that we didn’t report everything.

VI. Adjournment – 6:53 PM

**NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2018 - 5:30 PM**