

Commission on Human Relations & Disability Issues

Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2019

5:30pm

Members Present:

Jim Echols, Tom Alonzo, Don Jolley, Christina VanCleave, Gary Enrique Bradley-Lopez

Members Absent:

Jessie Alvarez, Cynthia Crable, Karen Greenwood

Others Present: Maritza Fernandez, Phyllis Wallace

I. Call to Order 5:30PM

Future Presentations:

- August: Christina VanCleave
- September: Alex Martinez – Municipal ID
- October: Human Trafficking Presenter

Meeting was focused on the following:

- Now that it takes 4 people to have a quorum, it was suggested to review and re-elect office positions.
- ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
 - May have to rethink about having the ACES training as there is a cost to it and it is a long day training. If it was condensed it would not have the same effect as having it be the long day training, it is.
 - It was also mentioned that Judge Kate's office staff is trauma informed and supports these trainings.
- Tom has written the letter on the LGBTQ task force and has sent it to everyone in the committee for review. Not everyone was for the letter being sent.
- Tom would try to reach out to Alex Martinez as well as Karen in order to see if he would be available to present for September as planned. A letter would then be written to support the Municipal ID effort.
- MEI has been briefly discussed. KCK has gone up to 55% and is the second highest in the state of Kansas. However, Kansas City Missouri is up to 98%. As Mr. Criswell, Assistant County Administrator suggested, a request shall be made in letter form and given to the county administrators for review.
- The dress giveaway for the Red-Carpet Gala for WCDDO consumers was briefly mentioned
 - The giveaway will be at Memorial Hall on July 24 and 25, 2019
 - Agencies affiliated with WCDDO will come on those days and choose their dresses
 - Alteration costs will not be included
- New Member orientation was revised as the new ordinance changes were included.

Next Meeting:

- Jessie will provide us with more information on what her idea is in regard to having a fashion runway with the extra dresses. This will help with raising money for two scholarships for high school students

- During the August meeting we will be taking pictures for our webpage update

II. Adjournment-Jim Echols motioned for adjournment. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING: August 5, 2019 - 5:30 PM