

LANE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 28, 2004

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

First Floor Training Room, Juvenile Justice Center
2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

IN ATTENDANCE (bolded):

Co-Chairs: **Charlie Larson & Leslie Scott**

Committee Members: Emlee Lassiter, **Serafina Clarke**, BeeBee Head, Theo Halpert, G. **Dennis Shine**, Heather Cranor, **Mark Lindberg**, **Karen Lundblad**, **Devin McGeehan Muchmore**.

Associate Members: **Char Mauch**; Julia Lindberg; Cass Skinner; James Mattiace

RECAP OF FOLLOW-UP ITEMS (detailed within the minutes):

- New members: contact Christine Moody with email addresses (if haven't already)
- Mark: Contact Don when planning Oakridge trip
- Rita, Laura & David: create a sentence/paragraph to define human rights case to add as an addendum to the contract; David: email the HRA committee as a whole for approval & then addend the contract
- Ted: expand the CMS quarterly report to include referrals.
- David: follow up with Russ regarding the Sheriff's Office answers to last minutes questions/follow up
- Mark: arrange a meeting between now & next meeting and send date/time by email to committee for attending
- Devin and Christina: identify topics for a youth agenda
- David: send an email vote to determine the Lane County Pride donation amount
- Charlie: contact Florence group to find out about their meetings
- Future follow up: when the Diversity Implementation report is drafted, either David or Serafina will bring it to a meeting

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	TIME
I. Public Comment		10 min.
• Dennis: 4J school district racial remarks by faculty. He presented it to express concern; it should not happen in schools and he will follow up with others relating to the 4J school district.		
II. Introductions and Welcome New Members	Leslie Scott	10 min.
• Aaron Boyce; Christina Greening		
<i>Follow up: New members: contact Christine Moody with email addresses if haven't submitted it yet</i>		

III. Minutes Approval and Agenda Review: Charlie Larson 3 min.

LIAISON REPORTS

IV. Board of County Commissioners Don Hampton 5 min.

- Diversity Committee Meeting: met since last HRAC meeting; has sub-committee
- New HRAC members recommendation has been received
- Meeting in Oakridge: he has lived there for many years and can help with ideas; suggests sitting down & talking with him about it

Follow up: Contact Don when planning Oakridge trip for community insight

V. Community Mediation Services Ted Lewis 10 min.

- Ted distributed handout with detailed cases for a quarterly report.
- Community Mediation offers a neutral facilitator between parties; informational meetings focused on acknowledgment to offer closer (versus compensation which would require litigation); 3 CMS volunteers have Spanish speaking abilities.
- 15 total cases since January; most still pending (see handout for details); a case's closure is subjective and varies by case
- What is a human rights case? Does it have to have a bias element or legal protection (e.g. race/religion/sex)? Incident based versus parties involved?
- Provide referral resources (e.g./ legal aide) for questionable areas (legal/medical).
- Ted tracks types of calls and use judgment on a case-by-case base with a backup of David/Laura Yergan to determine bringing cases versus referring.
- Request by Char to Ted, to expand quarterly report to include referrals.

Follow up: Rita, Laura & David: create a sentence/paragraph to define human rights case to add as an addendum to the contract; David: email the HRA committee as a whole for approval & then addend the contract

VI. Eugene Human Rights Commission Sheila Coats 5 min.

- Passed out a handout
- Work plan approval to be presented to Eugene city council;
- Openings for committee members
- Gender identity has been educating people; would like rights for expression
- Next human rights meeting is July 20; city council meeting July 26; Pride Day is in August; September meeting at LCC

VII. Springfield Human Rights Rita Wallace-Ostrosky 5 min.

- Incidents of hate literature; it occurs but haven't caught people; aware of it and looking into it
- This Wednesday their police department will have a report on their training, leading to dialogue with the community

VIII. Management Services David Suchart 5 min.

- Thank you from Juneteen: successful barbeque; HRAC donation went towards entertainment
- Will present three new members, one repeat, and one associate to the Board
- Brochure proofed; money will be transacted on time

IX. Sheriff's Office Russ Burger 10 min.

- No presenter

Follow up: David: contact Russ regarding the answers to last minutes questions

OLD BUSINESS

Oakridge Meeting Plans 10 min.

- First step: meeting with Don; the Fat tire festival will not work—it's in the spring
- Karen, Devin, Christina and Mark will meet with Don

Follow up: Mark: arrange a meeting between now & next meeting and send date/time by email to committee for attending

Budget Concerns 10 min.

- None presented

Fairgrounds Disability Policy 10 min.

- David met with Waren at the fairboard; the fair has corrected the stage so it is wheelchair accessible; Waren is open to assist any other issues; Heather did not respond to phone calls or emails so she did not attend the meeting

Additional "Old Business"

- Approving members by committee (old business); not enough attendees for a quorum
- Discussion on youth: a youth forum July 28 at the library and youth are invited sponsored by the City of Eugene's human rights commission; issues that are identified can be developed into a youth agenda for this meeting

Follow up: Devin and Christina: identify topics for a youth agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Lane County Pride Jeremiah Megowan

- Lane County Pride Budget Request (see form) \$250 out of next years budget;

Follow up: David: send an email out for a vote and determine the amount of money

XIX. BCC Relations

Mark Lindberg

5 min.

- Pamphlet update given above (bilingual version proofed; funds complete)

Next meeting: Monday July 26

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Speaker's Bureau
- HRAC Archivist Position

June meal person: Karen

July meal person: Cass