

HUTCHINSON
Human Relations
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HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 21, 2020
City Hall - Council Chambers Conference Room

1. **Call to Order** – Present were Boyd, Myer, Russell-Iverson, Cowser, Frischenmeyer and Juma, Grissom Absent was, Johnson and Nisly.
2. **Oral Communications by Audience**
Max from Mid Kansas Action program was present- no comments at this time.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Cowser, second by Meyer to approve the Minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting.
4. **Unfinished Business**

Final Approval of Internal Commission Operation – meetings, functions, responsibilities & training:

Motion by Russell-Iverson, second by Boyd to approve the Internal Commission Operation. HRO advised she would print the folder material for the new Human Relations Commissioners along with the updated version for the tenured Commissioners.

5. **New Business**

Review of the Deconstructing Equity Workshop

Chair Russell-Iverson stated the workshop and the facilitator Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler was on point, and that she planted seeds that will be helpful in the work we do. People were able to open-up on personal levels that resonated with everyone. Commissioner Frischenmeyer stated he appreciated the people first language usages and references. Commissioner Cowser agreed that the microaggression workshop was effective and that we need to repeat this segment. Commissioner Juma felt that it was important to start replicating the effort and using the material around the community. HRO shares that groups have approached wanting to do their own effort in this way which is exactly the goal to encourage self-sustaining efforts. HRO suggests that the group consider presenting the information in small dosages to facilitate the discussions.

6. **Communications and Comments**

Commissioners Reports –

Chair Russell - Iverson - encourages the commission to participate in the Community Who Cares event on March 24th 10am -2pm and host a table. Commissioner

Frischenmeyer – encourages participation at the Lincoln resource night HHRC can host a table on March 3rd. Commissioner Boyd reports that Lincoln will host a block party in May and we should participate. Commissioner Frischenmeyer stated he will get us more information on this as he is on the committee

HRO Activity Report - HRO stated that she would be meeting with Hutch News to talk about the specifics of the Survey Data and needed the Commission to review and share some of their evaluation of the responses received. The commission shared: **1)** survey proved the need for the HRO position, **2)** Confirmation that the Commission was necessary, **3)** Places of Public accommodations need to be a focus area **4)** The Survey results from 2011 are still showcased in 2019 **5)** There is a need for proper education surrounding the LGBTQ community.

HRO also asked commission to support a letter of commitment for the Heal Reno County's Pathway to Healthy Kansas Grant. This grant advocates for fairness and equity that will be congruent to the work we do as a commission. The Commission agreed to send a commitment letter which the HRO will draft and send out.

7. **Adjournment** – Motion by Commissioner Grissom, second by Commissioner Boyd, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Datjaeda Moore, Human Relations Officer

**Next Meeting: March 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
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