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Meeting Minutes - Approved EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION EMPLOYMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

12:00 PM

Access Community Health
Community Room
2202 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53715

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Meeting of the EOC Employment Subcommittee was called to order at 12:09 p.m. Danielle Dieringer, Chair presiding.

Non-voting members present: Rochelle Wanner, Sean Saiz

Non-voting members excused: Will Strycker, Mary Coddington, Anthony Dix

Non-voting members absent: Betty Collier, Ellen Molitor, Tami Vroman, Karen Colwell, Bonita Platta, Nicole Joraanstad, Christina Shaughnessy

Staff present: Annie Weatherby-Flowers

Present: 6 - Laura J. Zweber; Kathy Hansen; Danielle A. Dieringer; Margaret Leitingner; Vernon E. Blackwell and David Witkowski

Absent: 1 - Michele Thoren

Excused: 3 - Cynthia A. Schmelzer; Jenny Wohlfert and Georgia Pride Euler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Leitingner, seconded by Witkowski, to Approve the April 9, 2015 Minutes with the following corrections: Kathy Hansen should be listed as present and rewording Vernon Blackwell's opposition to the motion on Homelessness to read: Opposed the motion due to concerns for job seekers who apply to small businesses for employment. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals.

HOST OVERVIEW

Hansen provided an overview of Access Community Health founded in 1982 and has expanded from the little house on Williamson Street to four locations: South Park St., East Washington Ave., Dodgeville and Sun Prairie, and serves individuals with no insurance or state assistance insurance. It is a full-scale health care facility including dental and pharmacy services and is supported by all area hospitals.

REPORTS

1. Chair Report

Dieringer reported that she attended the EOC meeting and the Commission moved to approve homelessness as a protected class in employment, public accommodations and housing. She shared some of the debate regarding making the protections broad and inclusive; the overlap with other protected classes and assumptions made regarding who is considered homeless.

2. Staff Report

No Staff Report.

3. Commission Report

Commissioner Saiz gave the Commission update: Issues before the Commission are the proposed Child Sex Offender Ordinance, sponsored by former Alder Anita Weier; clarifying goals and role in race to equity, criminal justice, and community policing issues, creating an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with Resolutions from the Common Council, the Mayor and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee. Upcoming retreat of the full Commission will look at how to address an issue while retaining power.

TEAM BREAKOUT AND REPORTS

Due to small number of members in attendance, there were no team breakouts. Instead members discussed next month's retreat.

FUTURE TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Witkowski announced that Meriter is looking for a Recruiter (high level experience).

Dieringer announced that the YWCA just hired Brandi Grayson as its Employment Services Director.

Blackwell announced that the Urban League is seeking an Employment and Fatherhood Coordinator for its STEP Program. (Skilled individual in career development, employment and training who can grow the program.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Leitinger, seconded by Zweber, to Adjourn at 1:35 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.