

Members Present

Elizabeth Husbands
Laura Gonzales
Jeannie Jackson
Robert Newby
David Ling
Maureen Eke
Anne Swift—new member
Susan Poindexter

Members Absent

Raquel Fruh—Excused
David Ling—Excused
Mandy Wigren—Excused

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Members

The meeting was called to order by Laura Gonzales, Committee Chair at 5:00 p.m. Committee members and guests were welcomed by her. Anne Swift (At-Large Representative), the newest HRC member, was introduced to the committee.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The motion to approve the agenda, as presented, was made by Jeannie Jackson and seconded by Maureen Eke. The motion was unanimously supported by the committee members.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments were presented at tonight's meeting; although there were three guests in the audience.

4. Guest Speaker: Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski

Jail staff can provide most of the information requested, with the exception of marital status, recidivism, and number of children. The Sheriff requested that we complete a FOIA form to cover the release of the requested information. Laura Gonzales will complete the form (on 8/07/12), which can be procured from the Jail office. The requested data will be provided as soon as the FOIA form has been completed; a date range is needed for requested date. The force is made up of 19 officers, 14 deputies and 5 other officers. There are no officers of color on the Sheriff's Department. More than 50% of the Corrections Officers are female; however there is only one female deputy. Youth outreach happened through the Youth Services Officers program, which is no longer a funded program. Youth Citizens Academy is a two-week summer program for youth interested in police services. Job openings are advertised in the Morning Sun, County Website, Statewide Sheriff's website and occasionally in the Detroit paper. Department funding is primarily County general funds, and supplemented through grant funds. Beal City School reports a 19% increase in incidents of bullying since the police have been removed from the school. 56% of inmates from January 1, 2012 are county residents. The Jail is moving to a new system for visitation and will be using a video-conferencing system, similar to Skype; visitation will still be available face to face. Department policy is that Officers have business cards and they hand them out freely at crime scenes, and at other community functions. Department policy is that Officers, "will call-out at every traffic stop"; and let Dispatch know that they are stopping a vehicle. Officers that visit a home typically introduce themselves and request permission to enter or speak with the individual. Laura will also drop rack cards off at the Jail. An offer for a tour of the jail was made, for any HRC members who are interested.

5. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2012 Meeting:

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected (add Amy Shawboose's name to members present) was made by Susan Poindexter and seconded by Jeannie Jackson. The motion was unanimously supported by the committee members.

6. Old Business:

a. 2% Grant Funding: Amy Shawboose/David Ling

The sub-committee has been meeting regularly. They have met with various Tribal members regarding participating in the study on various levels. They have met with Mary Senter and she will assist in reviewing the final draft of the questions of the survey. A Tribal Council Liaison, Frank Cloutier, has been established and a timeline has been established. Amy Shawboose will send a copy of the established timeline and budget to the members this week.

b. Incident Report Form: Laura Gonzales

Laura has completed a draft of the letter to be submitted to the City Manager, once the letter has been reviewed by the officers. No paperwork has been received from the complainant.

c. Showcase: Elizabeth Husbands

Elizabeth Husbands will be working to decorate the showcase as soon as the Ziibiwing Cultural Center staff is available to assist by the provision of items for the showcase.

d. Budget Request: Laura Gonzales

The budget request has been submitted, the total amount requested was \$10,000. This included meeting per-diem, funds for training, mileage and

e. Increasing HRC visibility & presence within the Community: Laura Gonzales

1. HRC Facebook page & website

- i. Items to be posted are to be forwarded to Tim Dolehanty and he will authorize or approve the posting and forward it on to the County IT department.

2. SCIT Membership Mtg. Amy Shawboose

Only Tribal members can host/have tables

3. SCIT Health Fair

Raquel Fruh

Oct 30th, Display table w/ info; Theme is Once Upon a Time; at Saginaw Chippewa Tribe

Assistance is needed to set-up and host the table for the following CMU community events.

8/26/12 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MainStage – Rose Ponds - Amy Shawboose and Susan Poindexter will be at the table. Laura Gonzales will reserve the table.

8/29/12 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Get Acquainted Day - Warriner Mall - Elizabeth Husbands and Bob Newby will be at the table. Bob will reserve the table.

f. MI Alliance Against Hate Crimes: Jeannie Jackson/Elizabeth Husbands

Members are encouraged to attend the Hate Crimes Conference if they can. Elizabeth Husbands will be attending and up to four people can travel with her. It will be held on September 14, 2012, in East Lansing.

6. New Business:

Funding from the Temenos, Graduate Student Literary Journal, proceeds from the Journal will be donated to the HRC. We are also being offered the opportunity to attend the formal launch in October as a way to have a presence in the community. The call for submissions has been launched on the general theme on Shame. Motion was made by Elizabeth Husbands to accept the generous

offer for the donation of the proceeds of the literary journal from Temenos, and that we work with them as needed to accomplish needed projects.

7. Announcements:

- Bob Newby announced that the Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity Group (MPADG) Social will be held at Island Park; tentative date is Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Maureen Eke announced that the African Sister's Summerfest will be held at Mill Pond Park Pavilion on Saturday, August 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; lots of African food, music and dance.
- Elizabeth Husbands announced that a national survey on LGBTQ senior issues is being conducted, and a flyer with information is being circulated. She will send information to the HRC.
- The next HRC meeting is September 10, because the first Monday, September 3, will be Labor Day.

8. Adjournment:

Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. by a motion by Jeannie Jackson and seconded by Amy Shawboose. The motion was unanimously carried by all members present.

Submitted by Elizabeth Husbands, Secretary
August 6, 2012