

# Isabella County Human Rights Committee

March 3rd, 2025

Meeting held at the Isabella County Commission on Aging

## ATTENDANCE:

Donna Giuliani - Chairperson	Phillip Mikus	Nicole Hagle - Secretary
Russ Hyde	James Moreno - County Commission	Hunter Burlett
Amy Shawboose	Danny McQuarters	

## ABSENT:

Amy Pershbacher (Excused)	Laura Gourlay - Vice Chairperson (Excused)	Maureen Eke (Excused)
Sarvjit Chowdhary (Unexcused)		

- I. Welcome and Call to Order at 5:18
- II. Land Acknowledgement
- III. Announcements
  - a. Jim M. found an interview with Blossom Williams - Diversity coordinator with the county. Next month we will discuss posting it.
- IV. Approval of Agenda Jim M. motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hunter Burlett. Motion carried.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Secretary's Report: Nicole Hagle
    - i. February minutes approved
  - b. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Liaison Report: Amy Shawboose
    - i. The Bureau of Indian Affairs office locally is being shut down, so the tribe is working through this.
  - c. Central Michigan University Liaison Report: Maureen Eke or Danny McQuarters
    - i. CMU is not making any changes to their DEI programs until there is clarification on the federal mandates.
    - ii. New community relations committee with the goal of making Mt. Pleasant and the surrounding area more inclusive. They have grants available. [Grant Details](#)
  - d. Isabella County Public Schools Liaison Report: Laura Gourlay is attending the Sex Education Advisory Board tonight.
    - i. Mt. Pleasant Public Schools has been reported using the Department of Education's new "End DEI" website.
  - e. Safety Report: Paul Lauria, Mt. Pleasant Public Safety
    - i. Director Lauria shared limited details about the department's internal dealings with an officer for the purposes of transparency and education.
  - f. Community Engagement report:
    - i. Upcoming CMU Celebrating Life Pow Wow March 29th and 30th
    - ii. Maple Syrup Festival is in April - Donna G. will look in to registering
    - iii. Pop Up Pride June 7th - We will have a table.

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**g. Subcommittees**

- i. Community Education will coordinate to decide:
  - 1. A person who calls the meeting
  - 2. A person who reports to our group
- ii. Law Enforcement will coordinate to decide:
  - 1. A person who calls the meeting
  - 2. A person who reports to our group
- iii. Disability will coordinate to decide:
  - 1. A person who calls the meeting
  - 2. A person who reports to our group
- iv. Event Planning Committee – Let Peace Reign
  - 1. Proposed date: September 21st. We will decide at our next meeting
  - 2. Logo, flyer – Change to the flyer proposed and accepted
  - 3. Volunteer members: Danny McQuarters, Jim Moreno, Amy Shawboose, Hunter Burlett

**VI. New Business**

- a. Pop up Pride, event registration was discussed earlier in the meeting
- b. Bylaw review – we will begin reviewing it in small chunks
- c. Website review - it looks updated, and content is relatively restricted, so updates are not easy
- d. Calendar and upcoming events listed below

Meeting adjourned at 6:49

### **Human Rights Committee 2025 Meeting Dates**

March 3

April 7

May 5

June 2

July 7

August 4

September 8

October 6

November 3

December 1

### **Human Rights Committee Opportunities for Involvement**

Jan. 20	MLK Brunch at CMU
Jan. 31	Main Stage at CMU
April 24-27	Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival

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May – Oct. Farmer's Market - We need to register to host a table

May 29-31 Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games

June 6 Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Ceremony

June Pop Up Pride in the Park

June 19 Juneteenth

June 27-29 CMU Pow Wow - host an information table about HRC

July 21-26 Isabella County Fair

July 25-27 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow

Sept. 21 International Day of Peace, Let Peace Reign

Oct. CMU Homecoming Parade

Dec. Winter (Christmas) Parade in Downtown