

Isabella County Human Rights Committee
May 5th, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.
Meeting held at the Isabella County Commission on Aging

PRESENT:

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| Donna Giuliani - Chairperson | Nicole Hagle - Secretary | James Moreno - County Commission |
| Amy Pershbacher | Phillip Mikus | Hunter Burlett |
| Amy Shawboose | Director Paul Lauria | |
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ABSENT:

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| Sarvjit Chowdhary (Excused) | Laura Gourlay - Vice Chairperson (Excused) | Danny McQuarters (Unexcused) |
| Maureen Eke (Excused) | Russ Hyde (Unexcused) | |

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Land Acknowledgement
- III. Approval of Agenda - Hunter B. moved, Amy P. seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Secretary's Report: Nicole Hagle
 - i. April 2025 Minutes - Phil M. moved to approve, Hunter B. seconded
 - b. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Liaison Report: Amy Shawboose
 - i. MMIW march is today
 - ii. Planning for the Farm Market is in progress
 - iii. Planning for the Boarding School Ceremony is in progress
 - c. Central Michigan University Liaison Report:
 - i. Amy P. reported that DEI employee departments are being absorbed by other departments
 - d. Isabella County Public Schools Liaison Report:
 - i. Nicole H. shared - statement in support of updating the Sex Education curriculum to Mt. Pleasant Public School's Board of Education was read, and the Sex Ed Advisory Board voted to recommend the updated curriculum.
 - e. Safety Report: Paul Lauria, Mt. Pleasant Public Safety
 - i. Director Lauria informed us that there has been public comment about the HRC at the County Commissioners' meetings.
 - ii. Director Lauria explained the City Police Department has been grateful for the policy review and other work that has been done and he believes that the relationship with the HRC is valuable to the community.
 - iii. Discussion of "officer created jeopardy" policies
 - f. Community Engagement report:

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- i. Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival, April 27th was a success.
 - ii. Blossom interview discussion on public posting
 - iii. Farmer's Market dates: May 22, June 19, July 3, August 21, Sept. 4.
Signup Genius is forthcoming.
 - iv. Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games, May 29-31
 - g. Bylaw review, part 2 of 6 - TABLED UNTIL JUNE
 - h. Human Rights Committee Community Education on Micro-Aggression Study-
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 - i. Subcommittees
 - i. Community Education
 - 1. Discussion of the basics of human rights (Torture & Cruel Treatment, Harassment and Intimidation, Arbitrary Detention and Unfair Trials)
 - ii. Law Enforcement
 - 1. Nothing to report.
 - iii. Disability
 - 1. Looking into accessibility in apartment complexes.
 - 2. Looking into parking at an apartment complex.
 - 3. Working with Code Enforcement
 - iv. Event Planning Committee – Let Peace Reign
 - 1. Let Peace Reign will be on Saturday, September 20th from 2-5 p.m. @ Town Center
 - 2. Logo, flyer, press release - now that we have the date, time and location, these can move forward.
 - 3. We will reconsider the candlelight vigil at a future meeting due to the time of day. For now we will remove that language from the flyer.
- V. New Business
- a. [Elliot-Larsen civil rights act](#) - We will discuss in depth at the June meeting
 - b. Calendar and upcoming events listed below
- VI. Additional Business
- VII. Public Comments: 3 minutes per speaker - None Present
- VIII. Next meeting June 2, 2025, 5:15 PM, Isabella County Commission on Aging
- IX. Adjournment - Phill M. motioned to adjourn, Amy S. seconded. Motion carried.

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Human Rights Committee 2025 Meeting Dates

June 2
July 7
August 4
September 8
October 6
November 3
December 1

Human Rights Committee Opportunities for Involvement

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| Jan. 20 | MLK Brunch at CMU |
| Jan. 31 | Main Stage at CMU |
| March 29-30 | CMU Celebrating Life Pow Wow |
| April 24-27 | Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival (register in March) |
| 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 7 | Pop Up Pride in the Park (registration open in February) |
| June 19 | Juneteenth |
| July 21-26 | Isabella County Fair |
| July 25-27 | 41 st Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow |
| Sept. | Michigan Response to Hate conference, Lansing Mi. |
| Sept. 21 | International Day of Peace, Let Peace Reign |
| Oct. | CMU Homecoming Parade |
| Dec. | Winter (Christmas) Parade in Downtown |