

Isabella County Human Rights Committee
August 4th, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.
Meeting held at the Isabella County Commission on Aging

PRESENT:

Donna Giuliani - Chairperson	Nicole Hagle - Secretary	Sarvjit Chowdhary
Laura Gourlay - Vice Chairperson	Amy Pershbacher	Phillip Mikus
Maureen Eke	Amy Shawboose	Director Lauria - present on Zoom

ABSENT:

Russ Hyde (Excused) present on Zoom	Hunter Burlett (Excused)	Danny McQuarters (Excused) present on Zoom
		James Moreno - County Commission (excused)

1. Welcome and Call to Order @ 5:20
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Nicole H. asked for the addition of a discussion of human rights with regard to deportations that are happening
 - b. Amy P. moved to add this discussion to the agenda, and Maureen Eke seconded. Motion carries
4. Old Business
 - a. Secretary's Report: Nicole Hagle
 - i. June Minutes will be approved next month when we have a quorum.
 - ii. Sarvjit C. moved to approve June minutes, Laura G. seconded. Motion carries
 - iii. Phillip M. moved to approve July minutes, **seconded**, motion carried
 - b. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Liaison Report:
 - i. Annual Homecoming
 - ii. It is an election year
 - c. Central Michigan University Liaison Report:
 - i. CMU has initiated what appears to be preemptive action about potential federal requests to stop teaching specific courses that deal with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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1. Identifying courses that would need to be cut
2. Identifying content in courses that would need to be changed
3. Actively changing website information to be less potentially triggering

d. Isabella County Public Schools Liaison Report:

- i. Some federal funding is frozen at this moment, and a list of programs and services potentially affected is available on the school board website

e. Safety Report: Paul Lauria, Mt. Pleasant Public Safety

- i. Mt. Pleasant City Police Policy relating to immigration is being reviewed and updated, and will be made available to us.

f. Community Engagement report:

- i. Isabella County Fair, July 21-26
 1. We might consider asking partners to have our literature there.
- ii. Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow, July 25-27
- iii. *Upcoming* International Day of Peace, Let Peace Reign, Sept. 20th
 1. The mayor of Mt. Pleasant is confirmed to speak
 2. Director Lauria is proposing that he look into paying for flyers
 3. Director Lauria is looking into providing swag for the event
 4. Members will post Let Peace Reign flyers as they can locally.
 5. Donna G. will email us the updated flyer
- iv. *Upcoming* CMU Homecoming Parade, Oct 25th.
 1. Danny M. will sign up the HRC to participate
- v. *Upcoming* Winter (Christmas) Parade in Downtown, Dec.
 1. Amy S. will sign us up to participate

g. Subcommittees

- i. Event Planning Committee – Let Peace Reign
 1. Let Peace Reign will be on Saturday, September 20th from 3-6 p.m. @ Town Center
 2. Logo, flyer, press release

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3. Fewer and bigger raffle items... massage gift certificates, Jimmy John's, Doozies
4. Danny McQuarters, Jim Moreno, Amy Shawboose, Hunter Burlett
5. New business: Speakers, program

5. New Business
 - a. [Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act](#) -postponed to next month
 - b. Potential microaggression writing workshop featuring Gordon Henry
 - i. We've not been able to get in touch with Gordon Henry,
 - ii. Laura G. motioned that we ask Brian Smith to ask for permission from the tribe for the HRC to reallocate the microaggression grant to another HRC activity.
 - iii. After discussion, Laura G. rescinded her motion
 - iv. Amy S. motioned that we change directions with the grant funding and approach the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Belonging Committee for a partnership to use the grant funds.
 - c. Calendar and upcoming events are listed below
6. Additional Business - nothing mentioned
7. Public Comments: 3 minutes per speaker - None present
8. Next meeting September 8, 2025, 5:15 PM, Isabella County Commission on Aging
9. Adjournment @ 6:59

Human Rights Committee 2025 Meeting Dates

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
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

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May 29-31	Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games
June 6	Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Ceremony
June 7	Pop Up Pride in the Park (registration opens 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