

Isabella County Human Rights Committee
June 1st, 2026 @ 5:15 p.m.
Meeting held at the Isabella County Commission on Aging

PRESENT:

Donna Giuliani - Chairperson	Nicole Hagle - Secretary	Sarvjit Chowdhary
Phillip Mikus	Russ Hyde	Stephanie Dunn
Amy Pershbacher	Director Paul Lauria	
Amy Shawboose		

ABSENT: (NOTE - Excused / Unexcused is kept on a separate [spreadsheet](#))

	Maureen Eke	Danny McQuarters
Laura Gourlay - Vice Chairperson		James Moreno - County Commission

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86446304482?pwd=p97K7vxeFSdzU2WjqsDNGLa804orWv.1>

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Land Acknowledgement
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda amended to include discussion of the incident report that was received. (New Business, item a with others shifted) Moved by Russ H. seconded by Sarvjit C. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Secretary's Report: Nicole Hagle
 1. Minutes for May: Phil M. moved to approve minutes. Russ H. seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Liaison Report:
 1. The Honoring Healing and Remembering is this Friday, June 5th.
 2. There is an immersion language camp for adults coming up July 14 - 16
 3. June 13, Public Safety Day
 - C. Central Michigan University Liaison Report: No Report
 - D. Isabella County Public Schools Liaison Report: No Report
 - E. Safety Report: Paul Lauria, Mt. Pleasant Public Safety
 1. Local law enforcement is responding to increased calls from a local foster facility.
 2. The city police have a mental health professional on staff, which is already a great asset for the department and the community.
 - F. Community Engagement report:

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1. Isabella Community Collaborative, COA, 9 a.m. 1st Friday/month
2. Farmer's Market
3. Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games, May 28-30: Donna expressed interest in volunteering but did not hear back.
4. *Upcoming* Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Ceremony June 5
5. *Upcoming* Juneteenth June 19, 4 p.m.
6. *Upcoming* Pop-up Pride June 20, 2-5 pm. Setup at noon.

G. Subcommittees

1. Event Planning Committee – Let Peace Reign
 - a) Danny McQuarters, Jim Moreno, Amy Shawboose, Phil Mikus
 - b) Solidify date, time, location of event
 - (1) Let Peace Reign will be on Saturday, September 19th from 2-4 p.m. @ Town Center. We will likely be able to be there until 5, and the flyer can be updated
 - (2) Flyer will be updated, press release will be updated by Donna G.
 - (3) Phil M. will look into doing a radio interview to share
 - (4) New business
 - (a) Fewer and bigger raffle items...
 - (i) Russ will talk to Jay's
 - (ii) Donna will talk to Doozies & Jimmy John's
 - (b) Speakers, program: We should each look into contributing to the speaking.

H. Bylaw update

1. Bylaws have been submitted for approval, but they are not on the website yet.
2. Small Board Rules version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th ed.), Section 49:21 says that groups 12 or fewer can use the version of Robert's rules that we use.
3. Michigan Open Meetings Act (Public Act #267 of 1976) states that advisory subcommittees are not subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. We have concerns, however, about privacy during the investigation of incident reports. Until we receive advice otherwise, an ad hoc work group will continue to be created when warranted. We will make sure that the ad hoc work group is noted in official minutes.

V. New Business

- A. A resident of Isabella County called the county office to submit an incident, but an incident form was not completed. Upon follow-up, the complainant confirmed that they did not feel that they were discriminated against due to being a member of a protected class.

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- B. Assessment, data, accountability: Russ H. moved to begin the process of updating the incident report intake procedure. Amy P. seconded. Motion carried.
- VII. Additional Business: None
- VIII. Public Comments: None
- IX. Next meeting July 6, 2026, 5:15 PM, Isabella County Commission on Aging
- X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Human Rights Committee 2026 Meeting Dates

August 3
September 14 (September 7 is Labor Day)
October 5
November 2
December 7

Human Rights Committee Opportunities for Involvement

	Isabella Community Collaborative, COA, 9 a.m. 1st Friday/month
Jan. 19	MLK Brunch at CMU
Jan. 19	Peace Making Awards at Mt. Pleasant High School
Jan. 30	Main Stage at CMU
Feb.	Go Grants at CMU (investigate at Feb. meeting)
Feb. 18-20th	Klymyshyn Symposium at CMU
March 21	CMU Celebrating Life Pow Wow
April 26	Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival parade(register in March)
May – Oct.	Farmer's Market - We need to register to host a table
May 28-30	Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games
June 5	Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Ceremony
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	Pop Up Pride in the Park (registration open in February)
July 24-26	42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow
August 1st?	Isabella County Fair
September	Michigan Response to Hate conference, Lansing Mi.
Sept. 19th?	Let Peace Reign
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace
Oct.	CMU Homecoming Parade
Dec. 5	Winter (Christmas) Parade in Downtown

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