

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
July 8, 2019**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:31 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair Nicole Borovic Adrienne Breitfelder	Miquel Jackson Kate Parks Jay Schiesl, Vice-Chair
Absent:	Erin Muenster Gerald Hammel	Jason Keeler
Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso

Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2019

Motion by Jackson, second by Schiesl to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2019. All in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as submitted.

Reports

Caseload Report

The June 2019 caseload report was received and filed.

Old Business

New Business

Discuss Partnership with International Day of Peace September 21, 2019
Borovic moved to partner with the International Day of Peace by adding our organization to the list of partners, conduct an event as part of the Festival, and publicize the Festival through our organizations resources. Breitfelder seconded. All in favor.

Standing Items: Goals

Goal #1: Education

Goal #2: Housing

Commissioner Allen attended the Friends of Fair Housing monthly meeting. Renovations are being made to the old St. Pat's School to construct affordable housing units. Alexis Steger will be attending the August meeting to provide an update on Source of Income.

Goal #3: Employment – GDDC (Kristin Dietzel), NICC (Erin Powers-Daley)

Kristin and Erin were invited to share information on workforce and educational programs and partnerships as it relates to their training and skill building opportunities.

Kristin provided an overview of GDDC workforce programs: Dubuque Works; Opportunity Dubuque; HR Action & Workforce Assistance; Data Analytics & Prospect Development; Newcomer Services; and Distinctively Dubuque. They partner with employers to identify workforce opportunities, develop proactive solutions, and works to retain the workforce.

Erin at NICC work closely with Opportunity Dubuque in meeting employers needs for a qualified workforce. Through the Success Model Program, they offer education and outreach opportunities and the use of success coaches, to assist students with navigating the services and resources available. The coaches help students maneuver any barriers through education and training and then works with them to obtain employment or additional training at NICC.

Jackson provided a brief update on the planning for the Race Conference. A press conference announcing the Race Conference was held Friday, June 21, 2019.

Commissioner Allen stated that the Commission is tasked with planning the format for the community forum that will be part of the Race Conference. Schiesl and Breitfelder volunteered to work with Allen on the planning committee. They will meet at 5:30 pm on July 11 at the MFC. He asked that Commissioners promote the conference to any groups or organizations they have partnerships with.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Parks motioned and Commissioner Schiesl seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 5:51 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, August 12, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____