

Race Equity Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Hennepin County Government Center Auditorium (hybrid)

Council members present: Bocar Kane, Deran Cadotte, Debjyoti Dwivedy, Johnathon McClellan, Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield, Paola Ehrmantraut, Raquel Jarabek, Susan McPherson, Roberta Sheritha-Reindorf, Yolanda Rogers

Council members not present: Amani Berry, Biiftuu Ibrahim Adam, Larry Hiscock, Miamon Queeglay, Sheila Webb, Christina Luna, Tekia Jefferson

County Staff: Pat Zagaros, Randy Larson, Shawn Sorrell, May Xiong, Alison Weiler

Agenda

Approve current month agenda (**action item**)

Motion to approve: Mahogany, second: Bocar, ask for changes, vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain

Approve past month meeting notes (**action item**)

Motion to approve: Mahogany, second: Paola, ask for changes, vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 abstain

Chair Welcomed all participants

State of the County reactions – Susan reported

- Covered all Hennepin County accomplishments
- Commissioner Greene commended REAC and the report
- Commissioner Greene stated the report was helpful to Commissioners, less robust 2022 report anticipated

Review Annual Report framework and timeline

- Summer is a difficult time to complete report
- Deran to contact committee chairs by email so make sure they are setting up meetings with their content subcommittees to agree upon the fundamentals of their respective committees, Deran will collect outlines to make sure we have them and use them to begin the outline of the report due by August 5 to meet the August 15 deadline



Health committee presentation – Paola

- Presentation has been shared in Basecamp
- How is HC implementing 988 mental health help line?
- Mobile support can be expanded to the supports already in place especially to ethnic minority youth
- Culturally responsive maternal (post-partum) mental health specifically for black and indigenous birthing people needed.
- How are we getting mental health help and resources that is available to ethnic groups within HC and outside HC especially with the limited available of professionals? *May Xiong has been in conversation with Commissioner Lunde on the possibility of forming a pathways program to address this situation*

Requests for county information/presentation

- Council leadership decides what to move forward to county administration based on input from council members and the community
- Do committees continue working on issues that were reported on the prior year? *What committees reported out last year doesn't necessarily carry forward to the current year, it all depends on what the current committees decide to work on*
- Reach out to committee chairs if you are interested in joining a committee, it is a good idea to narrow in on one topic you are interested
- If you have a broad interest in many areas, contact Deran and he can direct you to the committees that are currently under-represented

Next Meeting location (**action item**)

Vote to have August 18 meeting at GC

Motion: Mahogany Second: Raquel 8 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain

Committees in small groups

- Committee heads are not present at today's meeting, tabled
- Council should have 15 members; we only have 14
- Johnathan puts forth a motion to amend rules in REAC bylaws for participation due to medical needs or emergency situations; we are required to report attendance to county administration, we do encourage participation but do not enforce it due to medical needs or emergency situations – *currently addressed in the bylaws, Johnathan withdraws his motion*

Adjourn (**action item**)

Motion: Johnathan Second Paolo 8 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain