

# Race Equity Advisory Council

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Time:** 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** NorthPoint Conference Center

**Council members present:** Ralph Yehle, Jigar Mistry, Josephine Thao, Raquel Jarabek, Paola Ehrmantraut, Bill Tipping, April Salchert, Susan McPherson

**Council members not present:** Yolanda Rogers, Olufunso Oresanya, Samba Fall, Esther Mwangi

**County Staff:** Vernona Boswell, Alison Weiler, Shawn Sorrell

## Notes

Approved current month agenda

**Motion: Jigar      Second: Bill**  
**All in favor, January meeting agenda is approved**

Approved past month meeting notes

**Motion: Ralph      Second: Jigar**  
**All in favor, meeting notes are approved**

Outreach and Community Services (OCS)

- This department is a year old and has been focusing on building its infrastructure. The area is currently completing a strategic planning process for future implementation.
- OCS would like to be intentional about how it intersects with REAC with regards to community work. The engagement season begins in the spring and goes through the fall with some off-season events.
  - Would like for REAC to identify a specific goal(s).
    - i. What do you envision?
    - ii. What is the capacity?
    - iii. Does the council consider a one page handout for community?

- Staff will connect with REAC in April from an update.

#### Elections, Housing, and Opioids Updates

- Materials from the most recent election, housing, and opioids board briefings were provided and uploaded to Basecamp.
  - What specific information is the group looking to learn in each of these areas?
- Upcoming 2024 board briefings will provide additional information, specifically within housing.

#### 2024 Committees

- Committees for this year include youth/mental health, income, and progress and review.
- Each group took time to meet and plan for upcoming work.

#### Structure

- REAC has twelve open spaces to fill for 2024. The participants will begin in March. Officer elections will follow in April.
  - Discussion on adjusting the role of the secretary in the bylaws.
    - Is there a need for adjusting to a communications coordinator role?
    - This role is currently filled but not completing specific duties.
- Group discussion on moving the annual report to a bi-annual report for a more robust and strategic report out.
- Council would like to add this to the agenda for February and bring to a vote.

#### Adjourn

**Motion: April      Second: Jigar**  
**All in favor, motion passes**