

Race Equity Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: NorthPoint Conference Center

Council members present: Susan McPherson, Roberta Reindorf, Raquel Jarabek, April Salchert, Samba Fall, Yolanda Rogers, Jigar Mistry, Esther, Joan Blakely, Olufunso Oresanya

Council members not present: Bill Tipping, Bocar Kane

County Staff: Shawn Sorrell, Vernona Boswell, Alison Weiler

Guest: Nola Slagter, Jen Albrecht

Notes

Approved current month agenda

Motion: Samba Second: April
All in favor, July meeting agenda is approved

Approved past month meeting notes

Motion: Raquel Second: Samba
All in favor, meeting notes are approved

Welcome and introductions

- New members reintroduced themselves.

Guest speakers – Nola Slagter, Office of Workforce Development Director, and Jen Albrecht, Workforce Development Manager

- Speakers shared a presentation and update on current workforce development projects included federal/state funded programming, pandemic recovery projects, strategies, Workforce Leadership Council (WLC), priorities, benefits cliff pilot, pathway programs, etc.

Committees overview

- Members were invited to attend subcommittee meetings. Documents available to review on Basecamp.
- New committee proposal – progress committee.
 - Members include Olufunso (chair), Jigar, and Bill.
 - Discussion around progress and accountability process.
 - This committee will focus on areas not covered by current committees.
 - Jigar would like to start by looking at education recommendations and outcomes.
- Updates
 - Income committee – an employment subcommittee is being formed out of this group. Samba provided a brief summary of the goals and outcomes.
 - No update from the Mental Health Committee.
 - Metrics to be determined and reviewed annually. The council will create recommendations around measurements.

Open discussion

- Council to build on existing foundation and create additional structures.
- Group is seeking growth and learning how to engage with each other.
- Commissioner feedback loop to be determined.

Stipends

- Members discussed and minded to submit the W9 form.

August Meeting Location

- Group agreed that they like the NorthPoint Conference Center as a location and moved to a vote.
Motion for next meeting at NorthPoint location: Samba Second: Roberta
All in favor, motion passes

Adjourn

Motion: Samba Second: Roberta
All in favor, motion passes