



HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Approved- Regular Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

Chair Glover read the Wiyot land acknowledgement statement. He asked for a moment of silence.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Seven members present for a quorum.

DISTRICT 1

Jim Glover (Chair)
Carol Larsen (Secretary)
Byrd Lochtie

DISTRICT 2

Larry Miller
Datsolali Perkins ~ excused

DISTRICT 3

Guy Aronoff (Treasurer)
Jamie Jensen
Ellen Murphy

DISTRICT 4

Mary Lyons (Vice Chair) ~ excused
Eddie Morgan ~ absent

DISTRICT 5

Lisa Sundberg ~ absent

Guest:

Katrina (Tina) Taylor-Sims, Awareness Director / Lived Experience Expert
and a recipient of the Human Trafficking Grant

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

The agenda for October 6, 2022 was accepted.

IV. OPENING NOTES:

None at this time.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

The September 1, 2022 regular meeting Minutes were accepted as amended.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Aronoff reported the Board of Supervisor has budgeted \$7,000 for the Human Rights Commission.

VII. GUEST SPEAKER:

Presentation: Katrina Taylor-Sims (Tina) on the subject of Human Trafficking (in lieu of Ad-hoc Report)

Ms. Taylor-Sims was asked to present a report regarding how she used the grant monies relating to human trafficking. She provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Experience in the current prevention project
- Explained the original grant received was for a website development and anti-trafficking resources, community awareness campaign 2020 grant collaboration sign on the back of the Eureka Transit System buses, hotline information inside every bus, gas station, hotels and more, posted fliers at local colleges and distributed everywhere possible
- Humboldt County's hotline came out of the second grant (707.599.1415)
- Second grant:
 - An additional phone was created, she plans to train another person from the Eureka Police Enforcement to answer the phone
 - Personal development by attending JUST juvenile sex trafficking conference series
 - Sisterhood developed to help individuals find housing
 - Native Americans are victimized by human trafficking at higher rates than the general population; worked with Hupa people to teach in the schools
- Received a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors for facilitating the Ending of the Game Project
- Developed a curriculum for a seven week course that includes introduction, false promises, isolation, dissociation, self-defeating thoughts- the game, emotional intensity, self-defeating behavior, identity disturbance, phobias, and shame
- Future projects: created a drop-in center at Salvation Army to pass out bags for street outreach because the recent homeless removal has caused uproar of trafficking,
- January is anti-trafficking awareness month. She would like to record survivors if they want for resource material

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daniel Ziegler, M.D. joined the meeting just to listen, he had no comments.

IX. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) **Emails, Regular Mail:**

Chair Glover received information regarding the Pride event.

b) **All other announcements and communications:**

There were none at this time.

c) **Message Line Report:**

Next month the Commission will ask Commissioner Lyons and Perkins for their message line report. Commissioner Miller will contact Commissioner Lyons regarding a call from the jail. Commissioner Lochtie reported no calls as of today.

Future Scheduling of Message Line

August 16-30 ~ Perkins

September 1-15 ~ Miller

September 16-30 ~ Lyons

October 1-15 ~ Lochtie

October 16-31 ~ Glover

November 1-15 ~ Larsen

November 16-30 ~ Perkins

December 1-15 ~ Jensen

December 16-31 ~ Miller

January 1-15 – Aronoff

January 16-31 – Murphy

X. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES LIAISON REPORT:

Commissioner Miller reported that the calls from the correctional facilities have been quiet this month and that there is a new correctional liaison, Norma Clements. There is a positive change in COVID protocols and volunteers coming into jail; boosted morale.

XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE

(Aronoff, Morgan) Discussion / Possible Action

Commissioner Aronoff reported there is no activity at this time. He is trying to get a representative from El Centro and other organizations willing to speak at our meetings. Chair Glover stated it would be nice to have a speaker for November as in December we will have a speaker from DHHS on diversity and inclusion.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND

(Glover, Lochtie, Morgan, Sundberg) Discussion / Possible Action

See guest remarks from Katrina Taylor-Sims above.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RACISM / CULTURAL AWARENESS - End date: 12-31-2022
(Larsen, Lochtie, Miller) Discussion / Possible Action

Commissioner Larsen reported on President George H. W. Bush's joint resolution designating November 1990 as National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and President Biden's Proclamation on Indigenous Peoples' Day in October which is the same day as Columbus Day. Chair Glover will share the Native American heritage month article with local newspapers. Commissioner Aronoff shared Cal Poly Humboldt is having indigenous activities next week.

HOMELESSNESS - End date 12-31-2022
(Aronoff, Glover, Larsen) Discussion / Possible Action; Revisions to purpose and activities of this committee

Chair Glover and Commissioner Aronoff met and are requesting to rename the Ad-hoc Committee to Housing and Behavior Health Ad-hoc Committee. An article indicates the homelessness numbers have grown in California. Chair Glover extended the ad-hoc committee date to June 30, 2023 with the purpose to monitor news sources to share on homeless and behavior health issues.

MOTION:

**Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the name change from Homelessness to Housing and Behavior Health Ad-hoc Committee. Second by Commissioner Lochtie.
In favor: 7, Opposed: 0, Motion Carried.**

SURVEY RESULTS AND POLICIES - End date: 12-31-2022
(Glover, Lochtie, Murphy) Discussion / Possible Action

Chair Glover reported they are working on survey results and will continue. Commissioner Lochtie shared it would be good to develop policies to present to Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Murphy stated the survey results were an analysis of the numbers but will look again at the results to see if policies may be developed.

NEW COMMISSION LOGO-Committee - End date: 12-31-22
(Perkins, Glover) Discussion / Possible Action

Chair Glover asked for assistance to distribute the logo contest fliers. Several Commissioners requested fliers for distribution.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMITTEE-End date 12-31-2022
(Sundberg, Aronoff, Larsen, Miller) Discussion / Possible Action
No report at this time.

JUNIOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - End date 12-31-22

Purpose: To explore and possibly establish high school level participation in the subject of human rights throughout the county.

(Jensen, Lochtie, Lyons) Discussion / Possible Action

Commissioner Jensen reported they met on Monday. She highlighted the following:

- Development of Junior Human Rights Commission (JHRC)
- Target is to hold elections in May;
- JHRC to serve for NINE (9) months
- She reached out to Girl Scouts leaders, to identify people interested,
- Gathering the list of 36 High Schools and principals to provide information and communication,
- Building a flier for awareness
- Identify partners that have existing JHRC models such as Sonoma JHRC regarding templates and to discuss how to structure the JHRC as a standing committee, stand alone or club at High Schools
- Determine idea how High Schools want to participate and then will determine number of commissioners

Several Commissioners made comments about the Commission having an advisory oversight role and mentorship to a club; the JHRC attend at least two meetings; to provide an annual report for the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and possibly have the BOS appoint or select them; and the age group around 14 to 18 years. The next meeting is set for October 24. Commissioner Lochtie requested to change the ending date to 12-31-23. Chair Glover revised the ending date.

RAPID RESPONSE COMMITTEE – End date 12-31-22

Purpose: to establish a process by which the Commission can more immediately respond to current events within the community.

(Glover, Miller, Lochtie) Discussion / Possible Action

Chair Glover sent an email to all Commissioners for consideration regarding a rapid response. Commissioner Lochtie commented that the rapid response would be to respond the day something happened with a specific statement.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lochtie moved to adopt the Rapid Response Ad-hoc Committee recommendation to the Commission with the additions to the comment statement as presented and amended at the meeting.

This motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Lochtie.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lochtie move to adopt the Rapid Response Comments to

the Media as present on October 6, 2022. Second by Commissioner Miller. In favor: 7, Opposed: 0, Motion carried.

“Rapid Response Comments to Media:

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HCHRC) has heard about (issue) in our community, attacking the human rights of (specific group). The HCHRC considers this type of attack unacceptable and wishes to condemn those who have done this. The HCHRC is charged with eliminating discrimination throughout our county, and we try to call out anyone who attacks the rights of others. As Chair, I will place this issue on the agenda of our next meeting, (date and time). Members of the public are invited to attend and comment on any agenda item. The Commission also operates a phone message line for any questions, comments, or suggestions — (707-268-2548). A commissioner will return your call if you leave your phone number.”

Chair Glover mentioned this was a temporary committee and does not need to meet again; therefore the committee was disbanded. In order to keep the Chair in touch with human rights issues, he asked Commissioners to contact him about any human rights situation in order that he may respond using the rapid response comment to the media.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Plan for Homeless Peoples 'Memorial Day in November

Not addressed at this time.

Plan for Human Rights Awareness Month in December

Chair Glover shared that the Commission's planning guide has the Human Rights Proclamation to go out to city councils and the BOS in November to ask for their support and declaration of the proclamation for December. Chair Glover will update the proclamation version before going out for support.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Proposed agenda items for November 3, 2022.

The following item were mentioned for the next meeting agenda:

- Cal Poly President to speak at our November 3, 2022 meeting
- Commissioner Aronoff is writing another article for TimesStandard and Arcata Journal and asked for suggestions

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

**Commissioner Lochtie moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Second by
Commissioner Miller.**

In favor: 7, Opposed: 0, Motion carried.