



JHRC COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	Victoria Bryant-Riggins, PharmD	Ken Middleton
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Nathan Rousseau, PhD
	Mario E. Decunto	Walette Stanford
	Leonardo del Rosario, MD	Michael B. Stovall, Jr.
	Crystal Freed, Esq.	Cindy Watson
	Rocelia Gonzales	Dottie Wilson
	Sammy Miller	
Commissioners Absent:	Parvez Ahmed, PhD	Michael Wachholz
	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor	
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II
	Michael Wedner, Deputy General Counsel	

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Stanford called for a moment of silence and led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Casey Bulgin to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

V. New Business

A. 2014 OneJax Humanitarian Award Honorees

Ms. Charlene Taylor Hill reported that Commissioner Parvez Ahmed was selected as one of the 2014 OneJax Humanitarian Award Honorees.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.



VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

1. Human Trafficking Art Exhibit

Commissioner Crystal Freed provided an update on the Human Trafficking Program scheduled during January and February, 2014. The vision is to raise community awareness by using art as the medium. The art installation will open on January 23, 2014 and will be moved to multiple locations around the city. The art panels will be on exhibit at the February 5, 2014 Art Walk at Hemming Plaza (the Art Walk is held the first Wednesday of the month). A victim of Human Trafficking will be keynote speaker on February 13, 2014 at Jacksonville University. In addition, E. Benjamin Skinner, author of "A Crime so Monstrous," will be speaking on February 23, 2014 at UNF. Additional information will be forthcoming.

A public service announcement (PSA) is in the process of being developed.

B. Employment Committee

The committee is looking into employment trends and what issue it wants to explore. Two issues discussed were mental health and disclosing a disability to an employer. The committee's goals and objectives will be determined at the next meeting.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Report

Charlene Taylor Hill reported that she has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King breakfast on Monday, January 20, 2014 in Clay County

Ms. Hill will email the Commissioners information on two events. The first is "Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville's Future." This program is being held the first Saturday in February. The keynote speaker will address keeping young black male students in school in order to reach their potential.

The second event is about the Ritz Chamber Players Concert to be held on January 22, 2014.

Three Commissioners have resigned. Michele Rollins resigned to be able to volunteer with the JHRC. She has already conducted mediation and is also working on intakes. Sherry Murray resigned due to health reasons. Susan Harthill resigned to take a position with the United States Department of Labor as Deputy Solicitor and is relocating to Washington, DC. Tina Comstock has ended her second term and has decided not to serve until she is replaced.

Ms. Hill stated the staff has been encountering more mental health issues amongst people coming into the JHRC office. Employers are also having a difficult time with accommodating employees with mental health conditions. Commissioner Mario E. Decunto has agreed to meet with the JHRC staff to discuss the best ways to communicate with persons who may have mental health conditions. Ms. Hill also mentioned that JCCI will be conducting a study on the lack of funding for mental health and what is needed in Jacksonville to help remove the barrier or stigmatism.

Ms. Hill reviewed the metric statistics for the month of December.



IX. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford reminded the commission that the Martin Luther King Breakfast was on Friday, January 17, 2014.

X. Announcements

Monday, February 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. Housing & Public Accommodations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m. Employment committee Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. Community Relations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 12:00 p.m. Commission Meeting

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

JHRC SPONSORED EVENTS		
Date/time/Location	Event	Contact
JHRC SUPPORTED EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
COMMUNITY EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
January 17, 2014 Prime F. Osborn Convention Center 8:00 a.m.	27 th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Keynote Speaker Soledad O'Brien	