

Race Equity Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: NorthPoint Conference Center

Council members present: Catherine Bouie, Tai Giwa (virtual), Josephine Thao, Ralph Yehle, Bill Tipping, Adjoa Kusi-Appiah, Erikka Ryan, Cedric Dildy, Raquel Jarabek, Samba Fall, Paola Ehrmantraut, Tamyka Carr, Stacy Wells

Council members not present: April Salchert, Jigar Mistry, Kandis York

County Staff: Shawn Sorrell, Alison Weiler

Notes

Approved current month agenda

Motion: Ralph Second: Erikka
All in favor – motion passes

Approved April meeting notes

Motion: Erikka Second: Cedric
All in favor – motion passes

Welcome

- The Chair welcomed the council and shared a sincere thank you to last year's leadership. Noting the foundation the leaders set, guidance, and support during the transition in setting the new group up for success.

Annual report framework and timeline

- Report schedule:
 - August 1 – committee outlines due to REAC leadership.
 - September 1 – committee final draft to due leadership.
 - October 1 – draft report due to county staff.
 - November 1 – final report due to the county board.

- November 12 – Chair and Vice-Chair present to the county board.
- Josie will be review and elevating the request forms on behalf of the leadership team. Updated version of the form is now on Basecamp.

Committees

- Materials provided to the group and posted on Basecamp. This included guidance on requests for information/speakers, committees setting agendas with action items that identify owners, specific areas of focus, etc.
 - April will be connecting with the committee chairs regularly to get a summary of monthly/quarterly work. She will be posting updates on basecamp to set the group up for next year's work.
- Each committee needs to submit a summary statement of purpose and proposed activity to leadership via email prior to the July meeting.
- Updates
 - Housing
 - Tai has been elected chair.
 - The group is currently reviewing past efforts and narrowing focus.
 - Next meeting is June 21.
 - Income
 - Raquel has been elected chair.
 - Researching recommendations from last year to determine if more work is needed. Also waiting on information requests.
 - Next meeting is June 25.
 - Juvenile justice
 - Cedric and Erikka have been elected co-chairs.
 - Met last week to discuss next steps. Looking to narrow down focus and interested in meeting with specific leaders (i.e. safe communities, HC attorney, etc.).
 - Mental health
 - Paola has been elected chair.
 - Adjoa is joining this committee and would like to widen the scope to opioid use disorder.
 - Hoping to further emphasize people of color and the intersection of those in the LGBTQI communities.
 - Progress and review
 - Bill has been elected chair.
 - The group has continued to review past report recommendations and attempting to discern which need to be reinitiated.
 - Sensitive to presenting something new in the next report.

- Next meeting is July 9.
- The committees met briefly in their groups to discuss ongoing work.

Adjourn

Motion: Ralph Second: Paola

All in favor – motion passes