



METROPOLITAN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

May 6, 2019
4:30 PM
METRO CONFERENCE ROOM
2310 PARNELL AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46805

Meeting called by: STATUTORY MONTHLY MEETING
Type of meeting: FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
Note taker: SAMANTHA CHENERY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV

Metro Commissioners: Kody Tinnel, Chair; Lana Keesling, Vice Chair; Jesus Trevino; Dorian Maples, Larry Wardlaw, Michelle Chambers, and Aisha Arrington.

Agenda

Call to Order
Roll Call of Commissioners
Reading of Minutes
Office Report
Old Business
New Business
Concerns/Comments from the Public
Adjournment

Call to Order and Roll Call at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Tinnel, Keesling, Maples, Wardlaw, Chambers and Arrington present.

Other Persons Present: Nikki Quintana, Executive Director
Michael Middleton, Staff Attorney
Samantha Chenery, Administrative Assistant IV

April 1st meeting minutes were read and approved.

OFFICE REPORT

EEOC

EMPLOYMENT CASE PROCESSING (10/1/18 – 9/30/19):

- **Intakes (by 9/30/19): 108 (contract number) 61(current status)**
- **Case Closures: 157 plus 3 PC (contract 218)**
 - o 134 No Probable Cause
 - o 15 Settlements
 - o 4 Withdrawals
 - o 4 Lack of Jurisdiction
 - o 0 Right to Sue or Full Credit Transfer to the EEOC

HUD

HOUSING CASE PROCESSING (7/1/18 - 6/30/19):

38 Cases closed for contract

- o 5 HUD Settlements
- o 5 Lack of Jurisdiction/withdraw/admin
- o 28 No reasonable
- o 0 Reasonable cause
- o 0 Conciliated Reasonable cause (\$)

14 Pending (Open being investigated)

ATTENDED EVENTS/OUTREACH:

April 3, 2019: Investigators King, Guayamo, and Myers attended the FHCCI Fair Housing Conference. Director Quintana presented at the conference.

April 4, 2019: Director Quintana conducted Metro Process training for a PFW class.

April 4, 2019: Investigators King and Guayamo, Admin Chenery, and Staff Attorney Middleton attended the MLK breakfast.

April 11, 2019: Director Quintana attended the Mayor's Commission meeting. Committee Chair for the Men's "Pitch" on Domestic Violence at Tincaps game.

April 16, 22, and 25, 2019: Director Quintana was part of the Public Services Scoring for CDBG funding.

April 16, 2019: Director Quintana attended the City DAR meeting.

April 17, 2019: Director Quintana attended the LatinX Meeting at the Urban League.

April 18, 2019: Metro Staff held our Annual Fair Housing Summit.

April 24, 2019: Investigators King and Guayamo attended fair housing training at the Apartment Association annual meeting.

April 24, 2019: Investigators Sorg and Woods, Staff Attorney Middleton, and Director Quintana attended EEOC training in Indianapolis.

April 26, 2019: Investigator Woods and Director Quintana attended the Victim's Assistance Diamonds and Denim event.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- New investigators working a small caseload

BUDGET/CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Admin Chenery took questions and comments on budget; calendar of events was reviewed

LEGAL UPDATE/MATTERS:

- No mediations were conducted

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Annual Fair Housing Event April 18th Results:** Average approval rating from attendees was 4.5-5 stars, roughly 175 attendees including staff and speakers and top HUD officials.
- **FHAP Partnership Grant:** First time it is being offered in a few years, only \$200,000 to be spread between all FHAP agencies. Most that could be requested was \$40,000. We submitted, along with most other agencies. We asked for funds for marketing and also for contract attorney to help close cases.
- **Leadership Fort Wayne 2020:** Nikki sought approval to participate in this year-long leadership training; cost to attend is \$2,000. Motion for approval by Arrington, 2nd by Maples, voted and approved.
- **Fiesta Fort Wayne August 17th:** Booth from 10am-2pm for \$250: Motion to approve by Tinnel, 2nd by Chambers, voted and approved
- **Hispanic Leadership Coalition of Northeast Indiana Noche de Gala Event July 27th:** 4 tickets totaling \$320: Motion to approve Tinnel, 2nd by Keesling, voted and approved.
- **Urban League Gala November 9th:** 4 tickets totaling \$500: Motion to approve Tinnel, 2nd by Arrington, voted and approved.
- **Current case age: 213.97**

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:52 pm