

**Present:** Eunice Adjei, Judy Foster, Jonathan Wong, Heidi Hovis  
**Absent:** Sarah Drake, Jama Mohamed, Rachel Wexelbaum

**Guests:** Keshia Anderson King, Aish Bah, Ofonimi N. Udoessien, Mariama Dialo

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum

**April Forum:** Change date to May 16, 6-7:30 p.m. (Council Chambers have since been approved as venue)

St. Cloud, St. Joe city officials to speak on their Welcoming Resolutions. Eunice and Rachel will extend invitations to City Council members from all five cities.

Rachel will promote the event via social media; Judy will do a press release once details are confirmed.

Eunice will provide snacks

**Housing report:** St. Cloud City Council approved Liberty Glen, an “affordable” housing unit located in SE St. Cloud. While considered affordable by Sherburne County standards, it is not truly affordable for St. Cloud area residents (one-bedroom apt. starts at approx. \$950/mo).

Pathways 4 Youth resource center held Open House. Very professionally done. They need more volunteers in order to open in April. See <http://www.pathways4youthmn.org/>

HRC Working Group on Housing and Homelessness met with Justin Lewandowski. Working Group will follow-up with United Way to fashion message on affordable housing; Justin will mobilize letter-writing, emailing, phone calling campaign to City Council members of all five cities.

Judy has upcoming meetings with Carol Lewis and Jeff Johnson. She will invite them to the May forum.

**Free speech / hate speech updates:**

**Free speech recommendation:** Tabled until Rachel provides a new draft. However, Heidi explained that MDHR only handles person-to-person communications.

**SCSU Forum** on balancing free speech and inclusivity was held March 28.

**HR Office Updates:** increase in walk-ins and phone calls, questions, job harassment, referrals from county social workers

St. Paul office is focusing on school suspensions: equity among students of color and students with disabilities, starting with school districts with greatest disparities

Local commission partnerships, how can state office can support local commissions, and connections among local commissions?

Two-day symposium in December?

Next summit is one day conference, not yet scheduled.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday April 18, 6 pm, St. Cloud City Hall