

Attendees: Eunice Aadjei, Sarah Drake, Judy Foster, Mohamed Mohamed, Hedy Tripp (Guest), Rachel Wexelbaum

1. Welcome and introductions: Welcome Hedy!

Sarah: returned from trip to Burkina Faso

Rachel: back to work at SCSU—feel wanted!

Mohamed: returned from Chicago—ready to go back to school!

Judy: celebrating; sold Mom's house in VA—going to go back there and clean it out

Eunice: went to presentation—got Speak Your Peace Civility Project card—guidelines for our meetings

Hedy Tripp: Long time social change activist; interested in working on bullying

2. Presentation (his role): Emmanuel Oppong—community engagement coordinator, City of St Cloud: Mayor wants to be here to answer questions instead of Emmanuel—have to schedule the meeting with the Mayor—see if he can meet with us September or November.

3. Approve June and July minutes: Judy M / Sarah S / minutes approved  
Eunice will contact Lai re: three missed meetings

4. Housing Workgroup Update: Conversation w/Elizabeth Glidden: co-chair of Minneapolis City Council—Landlords accepting Section 8 vouchers would parallel reasonable accommodation unless it would cause undue hardship. In St. Cloud, according to Matt Glazeman and Jeff Georger, there are not enough Section 8 vouchers for the population—not a matter of housing. Matt and Jeff said that if someone with a Section 8 voucher gets refused, they can always see another landlord. Matt and Jeff did not see a problem with housing in St Cloud; it is not the same issue that they face in Minneapolis. Meeting with Matt & Jeff included discussion of having rental fees reduced for landlords willing to rent to those with a criminal record—referred Judy to Melissa Marven who works with a property management company connected to the landlords. The workgroup will follow up on that referral. Last Saturday there was a meeting at the Universalist Unitarian Church with Tina Lamberts and the Episcopal Church where the tiny house is located—someone is living in there, no citation filed; they will not do anything until there is a complaint. Now there is a second tiny house, and they are looking at another church to give it a home—the UU is discussing this. Major commitment; will follow up with a Social Justice Committee meeting.

5. Report on newsletter: Review of draft newsletter. Lindsey wants to distribute this prior to Main Street. Rachel will email Lindsey little spelling errors. Commission approves the newsletter.

6. Update on Main Street: Staffing: Rachel will make a schedule:

Sarah: 10-11

Mohamed: 11-12

Rachel:  
Lindsey:

Discussion about banner:

Rachel will do a quick tape job to update email and contact info  
new stand up banner in time for St Cloud Pride

- come up with what we want, and give it to the City of St Cloud to get a design to approve
- use old logo of hands; catchy colors for background: rainbow colors / tie dye border; updated contact info in different font: Eunice will send the information to Ringo
- Sarah suggested high quality photos; Mohamed suggested use the Speak Up image from our FB page

Judy will give Rachel the rest of the promotional stuff

Rachel will be the holder of the stuff until a full time investigator is hired at the St Cloud Human Rights Office

7. Update on get-together for all Human Rights Commission: No update—Rachel will contact Christine for an update

8. Update on October forum:

MDHR: will partner with us—would like to have someone present at this time

Getting schools on board, parents, students

Venue: one of the schools? 2 hour or 90 minute—speaker and forum

Wed Oct 19—low attendance due to MEA

Wed Oct 12??? or Wed Oct 26th??? 5 pm - 7 pm

Venue: Tech or South High School??? Safe space???

— questions about enforcement: what is enforced to prevent bullying?

    What's going well—where do they see effective enforcement to combat bullying?

    What's not going well—what do we need?

— some of the school board people say that it doesn't exist

— Brochure for community resources for support

Eunice will contact schools to find a venue (Tammy DeLan, Mohamed suggested)

Rachel will promote this to SCSU

Catchy headline for our flyer: Public Forum on School Bullying

Some bullying is sex oriented; what are the power issues?

Ask speaker to make sure that this gets addressed

Eunice will contact Christine re date and time to confirm the speaker

Then confirm venue

Rachel will promote to SCSU

Can give us written anonymous responses

Letting people tell their stories will give the schools feedback so that they will take some steps to resolve it

Explanation of questions

9. Other

Conference announcements: Rachel announced about 2 conferences in St Cloud—she will send the announcements electronically

Hedy asked if the SCARHRC wants to take up the issue of sexual assault? We should continue this discussion at our next meeting

10. Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 7:10 am