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MINUTES
Oregon Commission on Black Affairs
Saturday, February 19, 2011
9 – 11 AM
PCC Cascade Campus, Terrell Hall Room 112
705 N Killingsworth St., Portland

Attendees

Chair: Clifford Walker
Commissioners: Lorraine Wilson, Samaura Stone, Sen. Rod Monroe, Phyllis Rand (phone), Willie Woolfolk (phone), Carlos Richard, Rep. Lew Frederick
Absent: Mariahm Stephenson, Jennifer Doncan, Phyllis Harris-John
Speakers: Barbara MacKay (North Star Facilitators), Nanci Luna Jiménez (Luna Jiménez Seminars)
Guests: Midge Purcell (Urban League of Portland), Kendall Clawson (Governor's Office), Judith Parker (Commission on Hispanic Affairs - phone)
Staff: Lucy Baker, Joy Howard

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Walker at 9:16 a.m.

II. Review and approval of agenda

Revisions:

- Wilson – add discussion about 5th Commission
- Walker – add list of old business items & Mr. Flemons' testimony next steps
- Baker – move legislation piece early on the agenda so Sen. Monroe can speak
- Rand – add report of health transition team (under commissioner updates)

Motion (Monroe/Richard): to approve agenda with amendments. Carried.

III. Review and approval of minutes

Revisions:

- Walker - Section X. should be "Corrections and Parole of Marion County"

Motion (Rand/Wilson): to approve as corrected. Carried.

IV. Legislation Updates

Sen. Monroe – Although the House is split equally between Democrats and Republicans, he feels that legislators are interested in working together to resolve problems. Senator Monroe sits on the Ways and Means and Dept. of Corrections committees. Has been working closely with Sen. Winters (Chair of Corrections committee) to enable offenders to get back on track and not have them spend years and years in Jail.

- Education – There is a great concern about funding for community colleges. There are tens of thousands of students clamoring to get into the schools. Many are older generations looking for new skills to make it in the 21st century jobs.
- Early Childhood Education (ECC) – The Governor is allocating a lot of money toward ECC (head start and employment related daycare). This is important as many

parents with children in Head Start are single and don't make enough funds to pay for child care.

Questions/Comments –

- Woolfolk – Are we tracking federal stimulus money used toward head start?
 - Rep. Frederick has sponsored a bill for this and will be meeting next week. He will keep the commission posted on its progress.
- Lucy asked Rep. Frederick and Sen. Monroe to send bill numbers that may be of interest to OCBA so they can be added to OACO bill tracking system. Some of the bills Sen. Monroe and Rep. Frederick are sponsoring/tracking include:
 - Rep. Frederick: HB2956 – clean slate, HB2957 – foreclosure, HB2958 – stimulus,
 - Sen. Monroe: tenant bill that holds landlords accountable if they don't pay utility bills, SB242 - education
- Rep. Frederick – Sen. Chip Shields is dedicating a lot of time into bills that deal with minority contracting and encouraged commissioners to connect with him

V. Committee Updates: Agenda Committee, Bylaws Committee

Agenda Committee

- Stone – Would like to suspend Agenda Committee and revert back to sending items to staff for the agenda until she can craft something to be put into the bylaws on the role of the agenda committee.
- Wilson – Would like there to be a new commissioner orientation in the Spring before moving forward with an Agenda Committee. There need to be protocols in place on how to effectively communicate with each other. Discussion followed.
- Kendall Clawson, newly appointed Director of Executive Appointments – OCBA is not the only commission having these issues. Stated it's the role of the Governor's Office to equip commissions with the tools and resources in order to operate effectively. Dedicates herself in creating an orientation and meeting with commissioners to understand their roles.

Bylaws Committee

- It was discussed and decided that there is not a Bylaws Committee. Item will be removed from future agenda's.

VI. New Business

Urban League of Portland and OCBA Partnership

- **Motion (Frederick/Richard): To approve partnership of OCBA and Urban League. Carried.**

Office of Multi-Cultural Health/Oregon Health Authority Partnership with OCBA & support of SB97

The Office of Multicultural Health hosted a briefing for interested Commissioners on the bill SB 97 requiring health professionals to receive training in providing culturally competent care as part of their licensing requirements. Commissioner Stephenson attended the briefing for the OCBA.

- **Motion (Monroe/Richard): To support SB97. Carried.**
- How will OCBA help support bill?
 - Sen. Monroe – attend hearings, send a letter in support of bill

- Commissioner Stone asked that someone be appointed as the liaison for supporting the bill
 - **ACTION:** Send name of liaison to Sen. Monroe
 - **ACTION:** On Monday morning, Lucy will draft a letter in support of SB97 for OCBA to approve. Will submit final to committee by 3 p.m. Monday.

VII. Barbara Mackay, Certified Professional Facilitator (CPF)- North Star Facilitation and Nanci Luna Jimenez, CPF-Luna Jimenez Seminars & Associates

Websites:

- Barbara Mackay- <http://www.northstarfacilitators.com/about-barbara-mackay>
- Nanci Luna Jimenez- <http://lunajimenezseminars.com/about-us/team-bios/nanci-luna-jimenez/>

Commissioner Stone introduced Ms. Mackay and Ms. Luna Jimenez. She invited speakers to address the commission about their practice with a focus on how facilitators help organizations keep on task and produce accomplishments.

North Star Facilitators is a Portland, Oregon metro based company that works with organizations that need an outside neutral party to help them think and work more effectively together. They also train and mentor groups and individuals to develop facilitation, leadership and cultural competency skills.

Luna Jiménez Seminars & Associates offers transformational programs that inspire and empower individuals and organizations to heal from the effects of oppression and increase their commitment to transformative social change through personal transformation, organizational change, and social justice.

Commissioners discussed their understandings and expectations of the guest speakers. Some of the comments included:

- Woolfolk – Within the past year have had several new commissioners come onboard. Need to understand where we are at as a commission first, then bring in facilitators.
- Richard – Would like to come together jointly to work on issues, visibility, and ways to engage people beyond personal issues
- Rand – Feels like there needs to be a better focus on key issues, agenda is too broad

Questions:

- Rep. Frederick – What is one of the first things that come to mind in what OCBA needs to deal with?
 - Commissioners need to get to know each other, have more open/unstructured time to get to know each other, understand where you come from and why it makes you rigid
- Stone – How can you help us get where we want to go?
 - Relationship building, milestones/trends write them down so you can see where you are and where you want to go, look at Blacks/African Americans from a local, statewide, and national level
- Walker – What is the average time put in for groups?
 - 4-5 days for in depth or 1-1.5 days for the basics
- Walker – What is the cost for your services?
 - Depends on what you're looking for them to do

Commissioner Stone thanked the speakers for coming and hoped the commission will consider using their services in the future in order to move the commission forward.

VIII. Public Remarks

- Judy Parker (Hispanic Affairs) – Would like to work with OCBA on a joint fundraiser
- Kendall Clawson (Exec. Appointments)
 - By March 31st – first round of confirmation hearings of new Executive Appointments will occur
 - If someone leaves a commission, someone would enter in and fulfill the term of the person leaving, and then be reappointed later when term expires
 - Kendall offered to attend meetings, events, etc. to promote commission recruitment

IX. Closing Comments

- Rand – There are more items on the agenda than time allows. Would like a shorter agenda and more time to discuss her piece on Health Care updates.
- **ACTION:** Walker – Would like to move unfinished items to the next months agenda. Will put Commissioner Rand at the beginning of the next agenda.

X. Adjournment at 11:30 a.m.