



STATE OF IOWA

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IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
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DRAFT Minutes ---- Iowa Civil Rights Commission – August 12, 2010 Meeting

- I. Attendance—Eychaner ; Morain; Witt; Gitchell; Chapman; Claypool
Guests: VISTA: Kaitlin Smith (new VISTA); Crystal Schrader
Kaitlin reviewed her projects: 1. Survey of local commissions; 2 preparation for training of staff; 3. Tax exempt status; 4. Assisting with admin of grants;
- II. Approval of June, 2010 Minutes —item 4 —Rich asked about appeals on Botzko case.
- III. Possible discussion on Legislative Policy proposals for 2011-
 1. Subpoena
 2. Renda—Rick asked about Ombudsman's history..
 3. Possibly, service animals. Nancy points out lack of available training for service animals
- IV. Director's report:
 1. Budget
 2. ADA-Ralph discussed the unique nature of our Saturday and Monday events
 3. VISTA—Ralph discussed the drop in VISTAs from 30 statewide to 13.
 4. Personnel; questions asked about compliance with supervisory ratio; and
 5. administrative rules updates --service animal
- V. Commissioners' Reports and Subcommittee Reports
 1. Commissioner Alicia Claypool—West DM schools —limited list of protected classes;
 2. Commissioner Debbie Gitchell— VISTA in Ames —"service patch" garden using at risk kids and other volunteers and harvesting 180 pounds; great press; questions about local medical clinic asking questions about Hispanic origin —clinic then changed its policy.
 3. Commissioner Rich Eychaner — Discussed the Calif. Appellate case on marriage equality,, circuit.
 4. Commissioner Mary Chapman— DMACC offered welding classes to men @Newton; now offering to women at Mitchelville, travelling to Newton; DOL commented on EEO poster needing to be in classroom, not just lunchroom
 5. Commissioner Rick Morain – no report.
 6. Commissioner Nancy Witt – Judicial Nominating Commission for First District-comments made about Posse Comitatus and billboards urging Iowans to vote against Iowa Supreme Court judges.

Alicia Claypool
ICRC Chairperson