



STATE OF IOWA

TERRY BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR
KIM REYNOLDS, LT. GOVERNOR

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
BETH TOWNSEND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Meeting of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission

- I. Roll Call:** Chapman, Moore, Lipski, Spicer, Williams, Morain, Witt (by phone)
Staff: Townsend
Public: Beverly Couch (Labor & Industry Chair, NAACP), Friends of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission Jerry Tormey and Kimberly Baxter
- II. Minutes from April meeting:** approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Executive Director Townsend's Report**
1. State fair booth discussed
 - Comments from Jerry Tormey and Kimberly Baxter regarding fund raising efforts, SHIRM volunteers to man booth; booth will be at the Varied Industries Building; include civil rights tests for kids, youth and adults; fund raising packages provided to Commissioners. Discussed giveaway options; Commissioner Spicer recommended blow up pictures of civil rights activities in the state of Iowa for use on the walls of the booth
 2. Election of new Chair for ICRC; Mary Chapman nominated; nominations closed; Chapman unanimously elected
 3. Next hearing set for August 31, 2011 to include Motion hearing on Henry & ICRC vs. R.A.C.; briefs to be provided to commissioners as they are filed by parties.
- IV. Legislative Issues**
- V. Commissioner Reports**
- Chapman – Discussed the following topics: whether realignment of new Congressional districts has affected individual civil rights; Legislative Services Agency; affordable housing
 - Lipski – introduced herself as newest commissioner; provided background information
 - Moore – Discussed application of “move from good to great” goal for state of Iowa application to Iowa Civil Rights; recommended ICRC start planning for legislative goals for next year; discussion of how commissioners lobby and time frame to do so
 - Morain: No report but looking forward to next meeting
 - Williams: Completed West Des Moines Citizen's Police Department training; signed a predetermination settlement agreement of housing case before the ICRC; attended the Iowa Minority Business Exchange that was held on Tuesday, 3 May 2011, at Wells Fargo Financial, Inc presented by Dr. Floyd Rose; discussed business cards for all commissioners which will be ordered by the ICRC
 - Spicer – provided a written report (attached) of activities including Run Women Run Moderator, June 10, 2011, ISU; Parent Empowerment Congress, June 11, 2011, Corinthian Baptist Church; discussion of visiting local human rights agencies to discuss their intake and complaint

processing; recommended several books including "Everyday AntiRacism" by Mica Polluck; "Raising Standards or Raising Barriers?" by Mindy Kornhaber and Gary Orfield;

VI. Public Comments – Beverly Couch (Labor & Industry Chair, NAACP) advised that the NAACP is hosting a job resource fair at the Corinthian Baptist Church on August 9, 2011; recommended participation in November 2011 event being held by NAACP.

VII. Adjournment

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