



**Orange County Human Relations Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, November 10, 2014**  
**Orange County Animal Services Building Conference Room**

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T			STAFF
Joyce Preslar	Andrea Jones	Christine Kelly-Kleese	James Davis
Vanessa Soleil	Alan Jefferies	Marc Xavier	Pamela Reynolds
Dominika Baran	Gerald Ponder	Doris Brunson	
Rollin Russell	Monica Richard		
G U E S T S			
<i>Absent: Jamie Paulen, Matthew Hughes, Jilan Li, Antonia Pedroza and Natalie Turner</i>			

**I. Call To Order**

Chair Doris Brunson called the meeting to order at 6:12p.m.

**II. Introductions**

The board welcomed and introduced themselves to new member Alan Jefferies.

**III. Minutes Approval**

The October Minutes were not available for review at the meeting. The members suggested to review the Minutes as circulated via email and provide feedback to staff member James Davis. Rollin Russell made a motion that the Executive Committee approve the minutes during their subcommittee meeting. The motion was seconded by Monica Richard.

**IV. County Updates**

James Davis reminded the body that the annual report is due on Friday, December 5, 2014. A copy of the draft report will be provided to the members to review and edit as necessary.

James will provide an update on a report to the BOCC regarding the board's achievements and goals with regard to addressing the equitable treatment of women.

The board will present a comprehensive proclamation for Human Rights Day, Bill of Rights Day and Human Rights Week on December 1, 2014. Rollin Russell volunteered to make this presentation on behalf of the board. There will also be a presentation of a resolution voicing the BOCC's position that unaccompanied immigrant youth should be granted access to certain rights, including the right to public education. Doris Brunson will make this presentation. James reported that he will be moderating a Human Rights Day program on December 10, 2014 at the Seymour Senior Center. The event is presented by the Orange County Department on Aging.

James asked the members to decide where to host the 2015 HRC meetings. Doris recommended that the meetings should be held in Hillsborough in the newly renovated space in the Whitted Building. The members discussed the pros and cons of having meetings in Hillsborough or rotating alternate meetings in Hillsborough. After discussion, Rollin made a motion that the meetings should remain at the Animal Services Complex as a centrally located venue in Orange County. Monica seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **V. Subcommittee Updates**

### *Executive Committee:*

Doris advised the members that she will not be available to meet in December as scheduled. Doris recommended that the December meeting be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> instead of December 8<sup>th</sup>. Rollin made a motion to accept Doris' recommendation. Gerald seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Doris announced that the Rogers Road Community Center dedication is on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. She plans to be in attendance. Doris also announced that there will be an Advisory Boards Chair meeting with the BOCC on November 25, 2014.

### *Building Integrated Communities (BIC):*

Doris stated that she knows Mr. Dennis Gaddy at the Community Success Initiative and suggested that he be invited to speak to the HRC at an upcoming meeting.

### *Diversity Matters:*

Rollin provided a written report updating the members on the progress made towards finalizing the agenda for the Human Relations Month Forum. The Forum is scheduled for Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Doris will be the emcee. Rollin suggested that James have a bookmark or a promotional card drafted which includes the wording of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Rollin also provided an update on the 2015 Community Read. Donna Bickford has confirmed her intent to moderate the discussion which will be held in March 2015. The subcommittee will consider a date that coincides with Ms. Bickford's availability and is not during the week of UNC Spring Break.

Joyce provided an update on the dramatization of the literary work of George Moses Horton. She stated that the play has been delivered to the drama teacher at Carrboro High School and they are considering performing the play.

### *Pauli Murray Awards:*

Gerald stated he has an outline of the Pauli Murray Awards program. Doris will contact Pauli Murray's family and other volunteers will contact the Duke University Pauli Murray Project, Chapel of the Cross, St. Matthews Episcopal Church and Dr. Murray's church in Durham. Andrea will create a presentation of Pauli Murray pictures. James reported that there are no nominations to date. He also reported that an organization donated risers to the County which can be used as staging in the Whitted Building for the Pauli Murray Awards program.

### *Essay Contest*

The members discussed the contest awards.

*Poster Contest*

It was recommended that the staff communicate with the superintendents of both public school systems as well as mentoring programs in an effort to solicit student participation.

*Collateral Consequences:*

Andrea Jones reported that the previously referenced listening sessions have not yet been scheduled. Vanessa Soleil reported that she received email correspondence from Damien Seils regarding police accountability.

**VI. Other Business/Announcements**

No additional business/announcements.

**VIII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Doris Brunson.

Respectfully Submitted:

James E. Davis, Jr.,  
Interim Director