

# Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – January 24, 2017 - REVISED

## Attendance

Commissioners: Bob Howden, Jim Wandless, Luisa Heifner, Tracy Leet, Raychel Adiutori, George Morgan and Amy Danzer

Staff: Joe Aguglia, Charlotte Scalise and Wayne Harbison

## Commission Members Not in Attendance

Willie McAdory – no contact was made to commission members or the staff

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm

## Approval of Minutes

Jim Wandless made a motion to approve the minutes from November. This was seconded by Luisa Heifner. They were approved unanimously.

## Directors Report

The case we had discussed has been further apart from a settlement than had been expected. This employment hearing is scheduled for February 23 @ 6:30 pm.

## New Business

We will apply for more City of Erie funds for housing discrimination commercials. The funds cannot be used for the Housing Seminar as that is in a different fiscal year. Charlotte hopes to use it for commercials again, but we need to follow the City rules (number of bids, etc.). There is a possibility of using cable TV providers rather than the TV stations themselves. The application is due January 30.

We will apply for ECGRA (gaming) funds for the Housing and Employment seminars. Although they are two separate events, it will be one application for the funds.

## Old Business

It was asked that the ordinance revisions be reviewed more thoroughly than just looking at proposed changes. There needs to be a special meeting just discussing the revisions. We will meet February 7 @ 6:00 pm. Amy will send the suggested revisions to the Commission members for review prior to that meeting. Please review prior to the February 7 meeting and bring suggestions for edits.

Please review the draft brochure and send suggested revisions to Charlotte or Louisa. It was noted that the three boxes under the areas of discrimination should all contain the same classifications. It was suggested to have one large box spanning the three columns on the inside of the brochure rather than three separate boxes.

The employment seminar will be held on June 22 at the Bel-Aire Clarion rather than at the Ambassador. We will try to get continuing legal education credits for the lawyers who want to attend. Tracy Leet will check on continuing education for social workers.

The housing seminar will be on April 25 at the Blasco library.

Only Fair Housing Testing Services has applied for the next round of housing testing. We need to discuss publishing the information already gathered. There needs to be a summary of the three reports into a two to five page summary to give to city and county councils, the mayor and county executive. Following that, we can give it to the media. We have done Erie, McKean and North East. Girard couldn't get enough landlords to make a feasible inquiry.

#### Public Comment or Open Discussion

We will ask if an article about the Human Relations Commission can be put into the Erie Reader.

#### Adjournment

George Morgan moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Tracy Leet and approved unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.