

## Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners/Advisory Board Joint Meeting

### Minutes – July 27th 2021

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

The Meeting was called to Order by Chair Mary Jo Campbell via zoom at 6:04 PM.

Commission Members Present: Chair Mary Jo Campbell, Secretary Christine Mitchell, Jeff Pinski, Caitlyn Strohmeyer, Marc Blount.

Commission Members Not Present: John Steiner, Michael Martin, Kathryn DiVittorio, Dana Williams

ECHRC Staff Present: Tony Logue, Wayne Harbison.

County Council Ellen Schauerma joined after her county meeting.

**Minutes** Commissioners Pinski and Strohmeyer motioned and approved.

**Public Comment** none

#### **Director's Report:**

Director Logue reported that we have 10 cases. We had one abbreviated hearing at the end of June that settled. He liked the courthouse location. We have another potential hearing and fact findings coming up and some new cases may be filed. Of the cases 9 employment and 1 housing. Hearing dates discussed the staff will let us know.

**Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s):** Chair Campbell discussed the bylaws and a session she had with Ellen Schauerma and reviewed and updated them. Doug Smith sent out the updated bylaws for all to review. Summer meetings discussed and quorum's discussed. We will revisit summer meetings and reduced schedule when we plan 2022 meetings and advertise. Reminders will be sent to those that are not attending. Article 5 section 5 about hiring discussed. Chair Campbell will get clarity from Mr. Smith on hiring as to hiring requiring county council approval. Commissioner Strohmeyer recommends using ECHRC throughout. Under Glossary discussed Panel Advisor vs Panel Attorney to have the glossary use of Panel attorney to be consistent and the language on page 22 should be complainant not complaint in 2 locations. Commissioners Pinski and Mitchell passed conditionally with Chair Campbell motioned and passed conditionally with clarifications on the hiring and grammatical changes with Commissioner Blount abstaining. Chair Campbell will follow up with the state on panel training and a know your rights event. Mr Harbison will send out the information for the annual report shortly and before the August meeting.

**Old Business:** Statement of financial interests still due if not returned. In person discussed with the recent trends due to advertising we will monitor and continue zoom and we will allow in person option if conditions permit. National night out Mr. Harbison will possibly distribute at one or two locations. Pride picnic 8/14 1:00 Rotary pavilion will contact Diana Ames to see if anyone will be there we can have flyers for information.

**New Business:** New Advisory board members have been added and advisory board will pursue events. Chair Campbell requested her phone number corrected and Mr. Harbison will be sending out an updated list and verify the information on the public website versus private.

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by commissioners Mitchell/Blount. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.