

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE
02/1/2021

1. Call to order 7:30PM
2. Present: Karen Lapuk, Barbara Vaughan, Glenn Mitoma, Livia Daggett, Monica Ferrara, Jane Fried
3. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on consensus.
4. **Old Business**

The group discussed members' outreach activities including attending a forum on undocumented persons and discussion of health care accessibility for these families particularly including mental health which is extremely difficult to access in the Mansfield area. The EO Smith critical conversations group is between projects and considering what to do next.
5. **New Business**
 - a. At the last meeting the group decided to conduct a survey of Mansfield citizens. Two versions of the survey were presented which covered a lot of similar issues but had slightly different foci- one emphasized experiences of citizens. The other emphasized general perceptions of human rights in Mansfield. Glenn will look at both surveys and begin to reconcile them into a single document.
 - b. Glenn presented an update of the HRC's work to the Town Council and was well-received. The Town Council adopted the resolution offered by the HRC to observe the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, replacing Columbus Day. The Town Council is interested in concrete programs and suggestions for action coming from HRC as quickly as possible. If we have more specific recommendations, Glenn will take them to the Council prior to submitting our report in June.
 - c. The group discussed the availability of services to non-English speaking persons in town offices and the library. Karen will investigate the availability of these services and report back at our next meeting.
6. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Fried
02/03/2021