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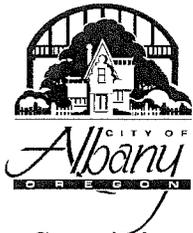
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
City Hall, Municipal Court Room
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - November 26, 2013. [Pages 2-6]
Action: _____
5. SCHEDULED BUSINESS
 - a. Business from the Public
 - b. **Prekindergarten outreach and readiness.** [Verbal] (Whitley/Tonja Everest/Lisa Shogren)
 - Tonja Everest, Elementary Curriculum Director; and Lisa Shogren, Takena PrincipalAction: _____
 - c. Mental Health Month – May 2014. [Verbal] (Whitley/Frank Moore)
Action: _____
 - d. Draft 2013 HRC Annual Report. [Pages 7-14] (Greenman)
Action: _____
 - e. Debriefs
 - 1) January 15, 2014 event: Martin Luther King, Jr., event. [Verbal] (Whitley)
Action: _____
 - 2) 2013 Human Relations Awards. [Verbal] (Greenman)
Action: _____
 - f. Updates
 - 1) Essay activities – 4th and/or 5th graders. [Verbal] (Hare)
Action: _____
 - 2) Other volunteer opportunities. [Verbal] (Whitley)
Action: _____
 - 3) Hispanic Advisory Council (HAC). [Verbal] (Dodge Vera)
Action: _____
 - 4) Calendar of Events: 2014. [Page 15] (Whitley)
Action: _____
6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION
7. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Tuesday, February 25, 2014*
8. ADJOURNMENT

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

City Hall, Willamette Room

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

MINUTES

Commissioners present: Kim Whitley, Tina Dodge Vera, Javier Cervantes, Nancy Greenman, Jay Sluiter, Michael Thomson, and Rob Duncan

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Wes Hare, City Manager; Marilyn Smith, Management Assistant/Public Information Officer

Others present: Frank Moore, Linn County Mental Health Director; Clifford Hartman, Linn County Mental Health Program Manager; Tony Howell, Linn County Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program Manager; Cristie Lynch, Samaritan Health Marketing & Communications Manager; Tara Dixon, McKinney-Vento Liaison and Office Manager at GAPS; Monica Lorence, Jackson Street Youth Shelter Outreach Manager for Linn County; and Andrea Myhre, Jackson Street Youth Shelter Grants Writer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kim Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 22, 2013, joint meeting with HAC and October 22, 2013

Gina Burrese noted that the joint meeting minutes needed to include that Javier Cervantes had passed out a presentation guide prior to his slide presentation on the visit to Cornelius.

MOTION: Nancy Greenman made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as amended; Jay Sluiter seconded. Approved 7-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Mental Health Month – May 2014

Whitley opened the conversation stating that the HRC desires to know how they can best support Linn County in their plans for Mental Health Month. Frank Moore expressed his appreciation for the support. He stated that it has been the Health Department's goal to utilize the Mental Illness Awareness Week and Mental Health Month to promote the normalcy of mental illness in our community populations. He passed out a sheet describing Linn County's campaign for mental health literacy (see agenda file). Many are not aware of the difference between the two terms of mental illness and mental health. Moore said that the more people in the community that are aware of mental health, the better off we will be. Moore explained that the Mental Health Advisory Board met earlier today and apologized that they did not have a chance to prepare a plan to present for tonight's HRC meeting. As they make plans, they will update the HRC. He said that he envisions focusing on two groups to bring about community awareness: children and senior citizens. Moore related that May 2-8, 2014, is Children's Mental Health Week and May 15 – 21 is Older Americans' Mental Health Week. He said that he feels both groups get ignored. Moore shared that depression screenings were conducted for children through the school district. He said that, although it was met with some controversy, it was successful.

Moore encouraged the group to begin making contacts within the groups they serve and to brainstorm different organizations they could connect with to help spread the word and bring awareness. He mentioned utilizing personal interest stories through the *Albany Democrat-Herald* to help publicize the event. Moore related that senior citizens often miss out because they are not always using the same services as the rest of the population. He said that it would be good to go to the places senior citizens frequent and talk with them. Moore also suggested seeking out other services that fit with wellness to spread the word.

Cristie Lynch expressed that she is excited about the new year's mental health literacy campaigns because they have the potential to be far reaching and deep with all the hands that are involved to make it happen. Tony Howell is helping to coordinate project teams with volunteers for outreach. She said that right now they are at the research phase. They want to connect with the people they are trying to reach and ask them their perceptions of mental health and mental illness. This research would help develop the message and the campaign. They will be wrapping up the research by the end of this month and will have more to share in January.

Howell added that part of the campaign is to focus on schools and student effort. Linn County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program is providing technical support to a student group that in the past has been active in alcohol and drug prevention where they developed messages for their peers at key times during the year. Now, this student group is interested in taking on mental illness prevention as well. They are looking into providing training for this. It's about starting awareness at a young age to reduce the stigma of mental illness. Howell introduced a grant proposal submitted last week in partnership with Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties for mental health promotion and mental illness prevention. The grant will provide for a needs assessment and developing of a strategic plan. It will help fill the "promoting mental health and preventing mental illness" gap. It is hopeful a media campaign will be included. The grant would start in January. Howell said that the idea is not to just have a big blast a couple times a year, but to use these events as kickoffs to ongoing efforts as a community. The Mental Health Month event is a good excuse to get more media coverage, but we need to keep the community engaged throughout the year.

Whitley commented that it is great to hear so much is going on. Tina Dodge Vera mentioned that, when comparing Linn and Benton Counties in mental health prevention, Linn takes the lead. She commended the guests. Greenman asked how the HRC could be involved. Moore replied that he and the others could come back in January when they have a better sense of what is needed to get things up and running. He explained that one year they did a series of posters; and if they decide to do that again, they would appreciate help with that.

Whitley asked when the Health Department will be in their new building. Moore answered that they are supposed to move in January. Whitley shared that City Hall is having an open house next week and suggested that the Mental Health Department hold an open house for their new building during Mental Health Month. The group liked the idea. Cervantes asked that, if there were to be an open house, does the Department have materials available in various languages. Moore replied that they have before and they have staff that could help with that now. Dodge Vera interjected that it would be especially nice to provide the bilingual materials for the youth. Whitley asked what would attract the population to that kind of event. Cervantes replied that they would need quality marketing where they promoted the services available for the emerging populations. Word of mouth would be a key factor in attracting the population. Moore asked if Dodge Vera and Cervantes could distribute the bilingual materials if they were created. Both agreed. Cervantes suggested having the faith-based organizations help spread the word. Dodge Vera asked where the Mental Health Department's new building is located. Moore answered that it is off Waverly Drive east of Seventh Avenue. Greenman asked if the new location was better accessible to the public. Moore responded that it was, but he can already tell that there will be problems with parking, which is the case most anywhere. Their vision is to be able to provide clients with vouchers for public transportation.

Whitley thanked the guests from the Health Department for coming and expressed the group's desire for them to return in a couple of months.

Statistics/demographics of the student homeless in Albany's school system

Tara Dixson and Monica Lorence introduced themselves. Lorence brought along a staff member, Andrea Myhre, who she introduced as the shelter's grant writer. Dixson passed out brochures regarding the McKinney-Vento law, articles from the *Albany Democrat-Herald* reporting statistics of homelessness in Oregon, and a synopsis of homeless counts from GAPS (see agenda file). Dixson defined who is eligible to receive help through the law. She explained that, in addition to helping the homeless, the law helps those in transition situations, such as living in a motel or doubling up with family or friends due to financial hardship. It does not include those in foster care. Dixson described how stressful it can be on a student when they do not have adequate housing.

Dodge Vera asked if the students being helped by the program were self-reported. Dixson answered that most are referred. The program works to keep students in the same school throughout the year regardless of where they have to live. Participants are assigned an identification number that allows the program to track how they are doing with educational testing. Dixson expressed her desire to boost help from the community to mentor these students. They desperately need help with homework and other school-related tasks.

After reviewing the reported data, the group asked Dixson some questions. Dodge Vera asked if the grant funds were dispersed equally among the schools. Dixson explained that some schools are better at identifying the need, so they will have more students receiving help. Whitley noted that the data showed that those in doubled-up housing had dropped but those in serious risk situations had grown. Dodge Vera asked if there were any family shelters available. Dixson answered that there was nothing specifically designated for families. Lorence interjected that the Helping Hands Shelter can take families on a very limited basis. Dodge Vera inquired if needy students can participate in after-school activities. Dixson replied that it can be challenging for students to focus on everyday needs let alone additional activities. If a student does have a desire to participate, the program works to get the fees waived and provide transportation.

Greenman asked if we do a good job of keeping children in school. Dixson responded that she felt we did. She acknowledged that there is a lot of help from community partners such as Soroptimist, Red Canoe Credit Union, and Walmart. Soroptimist helps by providing clothing and such for those in need. Dixson reported that there is a big need, though, for quarters so students can do their laundry. Red Canoe implements an annual school supply drive, and Walmart donates school supplies. The schools provide free breakfast and lunch to those in need, and teachers help from their own resources. It was noted that for students to take advantage of free food from other organizations they need to present identification and many of the needy students do not have ID. It can take weeks to obtain a birth certificate. Without ID, it is also difficult to receive medical care. Lorence reported that the Jackson Street Youth Shelter helps youth get ID cards and start accounts.

Lorence handed out copies of the Jackson Street Youth Shelter's annual report which included an insert with the rundown of the different programs and services provided through the shelter (see agenda file). Lorence displayed a poster board showing the shelter's goals. One of the goals was to have an overnight shelter in Albany. Lorence reported that they just opened a transitional living program in Corvallis. Tutoring and mentoring programs are provided at the shelter. It is a place where youth can come in for a respite. The staff can help mediate between the youth and their families.

Cervantes asked Lorence to describe the shelter's relationship with Albany's Police Department. Lorence responded that they haven't, as yet, made a big connection with the Department. The shelter is connected with the community through the HEART program. She explained that the shelter's policy is "no staff to youth touching." The site is sober and weapon free. Lorence noted that, when needs have arisen at the Corvallis shelter, Corvallis law enforcement has responded quickly. Cervantes asked how their relationship is with the youth. Lorence replied that the police officers do visit and have had good communication that has turned negative thoughts into positive ones.

Dixson commented that she appreciated the transitional program through the Jackson Street Shelter because, as she sees it, an 18-year-old is not ready for adult shelters. She commended the program for directing the students to put away a portion of their funding that eventually will go back to them. It helps them learn to save. The program strives to serve a wide range of youth.

Andrea Myhre asked the group if they knew of any available grants the Shelter could utilize. Cervantes mentioned block grants, and Myhre said she was aware of those. Whitley thanked Dixson and Lorence for sharing and wished them well. **4**

UPDATES

Human Relations Award

Michael Thomson reported that only one application for each category had been received. Smith noted that one more had come in for an individual. She recounted that the deadline is Friday, November 29, but City Hall is closed both Thursday and Friday. An application can be postmarked for Friday, received later, and still be considered. Due to the limited response, Thomson concluded that they should present one award for each category instead of the three that the Mayor had suggested. The group agreed.

January 2014 event: Martin Luther King, Jr., event

Cervantes explained that they plan on doing a reading of MLK's "I Have a Dream" here at City Hall in the covered plaza area or on the steps of the Courthouse. The event would take place on MLK's birthday, January 15. Greenman noted that the 15th falls on a Wednesday. She expressed that it would have been nice to coordinate the event with a Council meeting but noted that they meet on the 8th and 22nd, the Wednesdays before and after the event. Cervantes responded that they could still invite the Councilors to attend the event. Cervantes stated that they had not yet nailed down a time for the event. Whitley asked Hare and Smith what would be a good time in regards to City Hall's activities. Hare responded that there would be a better chance of an audience during the lunch hour from noon to 1:00 p.m. Smith noted that people paying their water bills and court fines come and go throughout the day. Cervantes asked if Hare and Smith could encourage City staff to participate in the event. Hare responded that they can announce the event to the staff on the City's intranet. He suggested getting Linn County involved and private sectors such as the nearby banks. Cervantes said it would be nice to have someone that is good with graphics to create a poster to advertise the event.

Greenman commended Cervantes on his leadership for last year's event. She stated that Cervantes did an impressive job of herding the volunteers to keep the reading going in a continuous stream.

Cervantes said that the subcommittee will finalize the plan and update the group virtually. Rob Duncan and Dodge Vera volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee. Smith will help anyway she can.

Essay activities – 4th and/or 5th graders

Meeting was adjourned before this was discussed.

Other volunteer opportunities

None.

Hispanic Advisory Council (HAC)

No update at this time.

Calendar of Events: 2013 and 2014

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, January 28, 2013

Human Relations Commission

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November 26, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Whitley adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gina Burrese
Administrative Assistant

Wes Hare
City Manager

**Albany Human Relations Commission
Annual Report (January – December 2013)
Date: December 29, 2013**

The Human Relations Commission was established in 2007 “*to promote harmonious relations among citizens of Albany*” through recommendations of “*programs, activities, ordinances, expenditures and other appropriate governmental activities which will serve the goal of maintaining respectful interactions within our community.*” (Ord. 5671 § 1, 2007; Ord. 5665 § 1, 2007).

A brief review of Commission activities during 2013 is set forth below. A history of Commission membership and attendance is attached to this report.

January 2013:

Presented the second annual Albany Human Relations Award to Miao Zhao at the City Council Meeting. The award was created to recognize individuals, organizations, or businesses in Albany that have worked to promote harmonious relations among the citizens of Albany. Selection will be based on a demonstrated commitment to promoting human relations, diversity, and/or equality through community programs and activities. Zhao was recognized for her work with the InReach Clinic and other community work.

Members participated in the reading of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, Letter from Birmingham Jail at Linn-Benton Community College in observance of MLK Jr.’s Birthday.

February 2013:

Members met with Jennifer Sanders, Chief Operations Officer for Linn-Benton Housing Authority (LBHA). Jennifer Sanders explained how the LBHA runs the Section 8 program and various other housing projects. She said statistics show that their programs are not helping the minority groups in proportion to the population.

March 2013:

Members attended a “Continue the Dream” event in which Albany students in grades 3 and 6-8 and their teachers presented art and writing students had created to reflect the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

May 2013:

Participated in the HEART to Heart Resource Fair. Members invited Fair participants to complete a survey focused on access to community resources. The survey listed 19 public and nonprofit resources and asked respondents about their comfort level in accessing each. Twenty-one participants completed the survey.

July 2013:

Members acted as greeters at the July 4 River Rhythms concert, welcoming concert-goers and handing out programs.

August 2013:

Members attended the August 1 River Rhythms concert, welcoming concert-goers and handing out information about future events.

September 2013:

Participated in Festival Latino. HRC members served as Festival greeters, welcoming people as they arrived and urging them to participate in the Festival raffle.

October 2013:

Distributed and publicized information and nomination forms for the Annual Human Relations Award.

Three members visited the Cornelius Multicultural Center and met with staff to hear about Center history, focus, and programs. These members shared the information they had gathered with the full Commission at the October joint meeting with the Hispanic Advisory Council.

Met jointly with the Hispanic Advisory Council to discuss progress since the last meeting in 2012, current work of each group, and issues or concerns for focus in the coming year. After the presentation on the Cornelius Center (above), members discussed the desirability of reaching out to the community through a needs assessment. HRC members voted to take advantage of the availability of an OSU graduate student and preceptorship to recommend that focus groups be held to gather input from the Latino community about community experience, needs, and strengths. Other HAC/HRC discussion focused on how to assure accessible resources and information to the community year-round. Members of both groups expressed great satisfaction with the meeting and the information shared.

November 2013:

Members participated in the Annual Summit on Homelessness. Members met with Frank Moore and Clifford Hartman from the Linn County Mental Health Department; and Tony Howell from the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program, to begin preliminary discussion about possible activities to observe Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Members also met with Tara Dixson, GAPS McKinney-Vento (homeless student) Liaison; Monica Lorence, Linn County Outreach Coordinator of Jackson Street Youth Shelter, and Andrea Myhre, Grant Officer with the Jackson Street Youth Shelter; and Cristie Lynch, Marketing & Communications Manager for Samaritan Health; who shared data and information about children and youth in Albany who do not have homes, the services available, and the gaps in services and resources. Ms. Lorence also shared information about the planned opening of a youth shelter in Linn County.

December 2013:

Members attended the City's annual memorials for unhoused people who had died during the past year.

The Commission HR Award Subcommittee selected the recipients of the third annual Human Relations Award to be presented in January 2013. This year's awards include both an individual and a nonprofit organization recipient.

Conclusion: Looking back, the Commission is grateful for the opportunities available to further its purpose. It is especially grateful for the support and assistance of City of Albany staff, including City Manager Wes Hare, City Public Information Officer Marilyn Smith, and Administrative Assistants Diana Eilers and Gina Burrese; and of its collaborative partners, including Linn County Mental Health, Linn Benton Hispanic Advisory Committee, and Oregon State University. It is also grateful to City, County, and community partner staff members who attended meetings to share information and answer questions, including Jennifer Sanders of the Linn Benton Housing Authority; Greg Roe of the United Way; Chief Mario Lattanzio of the Albany Police Department; Katie Nooshazar, Debbi Richards, and Rose Lacey of the Albany Parks & Recreation Department; Anne Catlin of the Community Development Department; Frank Moore, Clifford Hartman, and Tony Howell of the Linn County Mental Health Department and Mental Health Advisory Board; Tara Dixson of GAPS; and Monica Lorence of Jackson Street Youth Shelter; and to Executive Assistant Laura Hyde for her work on preparing the Commission history that is attached to this report. We look forward to continuing these and other positive activities in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Whitley, Chair

Nancy Greenman,
Vice Chair

Javier Cervantes

Rob Duncan

Jay Sluiter

Tina Dodge Vera

(new HRC member)

Human Relations Commission

Commission Established

Council adopted Ordinance No. 5665, March 28, 2007, creating Albany Municipal Code Chapter 2.25, establishing the Human Relations Commission (HRC).

Council adopted Ordinance No. 5671, May 9, 2007, amending AMC 2.25.020 [*commissioners must reside within the Albany city limits*] and 2.25.030 [*initial terms to be staggered according to the appointee's surname beginning with three-year terms for those closest to the beginning of the alphabet*].

Purpose: The Human Relations Commission was established by the Albany City Council to promote harmonious relations among the citizens of Albany. It is created to recommend programs, activities, ordinances, expenditures, and other appropriate governmental activities which will serve the goal of maintaining respectful interactions within our community.

First Commissioners

Name	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term Expiration Date	Comments
Rafael Palacios	Mayor Doug Killin	07-25-2007	12-31-2007	Resigned 08-08-2007; he relocated to California; Blanca Ruckert appointed as replacement.
Blanca Ruckert	Mayor Doug Killin	08-08-2007	12-31-2007	none
Jodi Nelson	Councilor Dan Bedore	07-25-2007	12-31-2007	none
Rick Hammel, Jr.	Councilor Dick Olsen	07-25-2007	12-31-2008	none
Delia Guillen	Councilor Ralph Reid, Jr.	07-25-2007	12-31-2008	none
C. Jeffery Evans	Councilor Sharon Konopa	07-25-2007	12-31-2009	none
Marian Anderson	Councilor Jeff Christman	07-25-2007	12-31-2009	none
Anna Anderson	Councilor Bessie Johnson	08-08-2007	12-31-2009	none

First Meeting/First Officers

HRC's first meeting was Tuesday, September 25, 2007. At the second meeting [October 23, 2007], the first Chair and Vice Chair were elected. C. Jeffery Evans was elected Chair and Blanca Ruckert as Vice Chair.

Subsequent Commissioners

Resignations/Reappointments/New Appointments

- Blanca Ruckert was reappointed 01-07-2008 by Mayor Killin; new term expires 12-31-2010.
- Jodi Nelson was reappointed 01-09-2008 by Councilor Bedore; new term expires 12-31-2010.
- Anna Anderson resigned 08-13-2008; Councilor Johnson appointed Kim Whitley on 08-27-2008, as her replacement for the term expiring 12-31-2009.
- Delia Guillen resigned 09-09-2008; Councilor Reid appointed John Hartman on 10-22-2008, as her replacement for the term expiring 12-31-2008.
- Margaret Martinez was appointed 01-14-2009 by Councilor Reid replacing John Hartman, whose term expired 12-31-2008. Margaret's three-year term expires 12-31-2011.
- Nancy Greenman was appointed 01-14-2009 by Councilor Olsen replacing Rick Hammel, Jr., whose term expired 12-31-2008. Nancy's three-year term expires 12-31-2011.
- Blanca Ruckert resigned 04-22-2009; Mayor Konopa appointed Michael Thomson on 06-24-2009, as her replacement for the term expiring 12-31-2010.
- C. Jeffery Evans resigned 06-24-2009; vacant term expired 12-31-2009. Councilor Coburn appointed Linda Hart on 06-23-10, for a new three-year expiring 12-31-2012.
- Marian Anderson resigned 09-09-2009; vacant term expired 12-31-2009. Councilor Christman appointed Tina Dodge Vera on 02-10-2010, for a new three-year expiring 12-31-2012.
- Kim Whitley was reappointed 01-13-2010 by Councilor Johnson; new term expires 12-31-2012.
- Jodi Nelson resigned 06-10-10; vacant term expires 12-31-2010. Councilor Collins appointed Julie Jones on 07-14-2010, as her replacement for the term expiring 12-31-2010.
- Julie Jones was reappointed 01-12-2011 by Councilor Collins; new term expires 12-31-2013.
- Michael Thomson was reappointed 01-12-2011 by Mayor Konopa; new term expires 12-31-2013.
- Margaret Martinez completed her three-year term that expired 12-31-2011. Council Kopczynski appointed Leonor Rodriguez on 01-11-2012 for a new three-year expiring 12-31-2014.
- Nancy Greenman was reappointed 01-11-2012 by Councilor Olsen; new term expires 12-31-2014.
- Kim Whitley was reappointed 01-09-2013 by Councilor Johnson; new term expires 12-31-2015.
- Tina Dodge Vera was reappointed 02-13-13 by Councilor Coburn; new term expires 12-31-2015.
- Jay Sluiter was appointed 02-13-13 by Councilor Kellum; new term expires 12-31-2015.
- Leonor Rodriguez resigned 09-10-13; vacant term expires 12-31-2014. Councilor Kopczynski appointed Rob Duncan on 09-25-2013, as her replacement for the term expiring 12-31-2014.

Current HRC Roster (as of January 17, 2014)

Name	Appointment By	Term Expiration Date
Nancy Greenman	Councilor Dick Olsen	12-31-2014
Rob Duncan	Councilor Ray Kopczynski	12-31-2014
Tina Dodge Vera	Councilor Bill Coburn	12-31-2015
Jay Sluiter	Councilor Rich Kellum	12-31-2015
Kim Whitley	Councilor Bessie Johnson	12-31-2015
Javier Cervantes	Councilor Floyd Collins	12-31-2016
Chris Equinoa	Mayor Sharon Konopa	12-31-2016

Visitors who have attended an HRC meeting in 2009

Sharon Gisler
Michael Thomson
Mayor Sharon Konopa
Gerald Gisler
John Phillips
Margo Coleman
Alice Fitzpatrick
Donna Copeland
Bill Root
June Hemmingson
Larry Eby
Penny Miltenberger
Dan Miltenberger
Phillipa Meehan
Dick Owen
Rosa Plascencia
Tina Dodge Vera

Visitors who have attended an HRC meeting in 2010

Clifford Hartman, Linn County Mental Health
Jim Bell, LBCC
Mary Zelinka, CARDV
Linda Hart
Frank Moore, Linn County Mental Health
Catherine Henderson, Mental Health Advisory

Visitors who have attended an HRC meeting in 2011

Sue McGuire-Thompson, Community Services Consortium
Debbie Little, Community Services Consortium
Vawna Shepherd
Ora Mowdy
Shawn Smith
Westen Hoover
Ramos Pacheco
Andy Phillips
Jamie Lavery
Anna Benson, Linn-Benton Housing Authority
Jeanette Emerson, LBCC student
Chelsea Baker, LBCC student
Daniel Trinidad, LBCC student
Jodie Nelson, OSU

Students attending classes at Community Services Consortium.

Visitors who have attended an HRC meeting in 2012

Frank Moore, Linn County Mental Health
Clifford Hartman, Linn County Mental Health
Kathryn Henderson, Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board
Jim Clausen
Doug Finegan
Dick Knowles, Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board
Dede Burns-McLay, CARDV

Visitors who have attended an HRC meeting in 2013

Jennifer Sanders, Chief Operations Officer for Linn-Benton Housing Authority
Albany Mayor Sharon Konopa
Greg Roe, United Way of Linn County Executive Director
Katie Nooshazar, Recreation Programs Manager, City of Albany Parks & Recreation
Debbi Richards, Recreation Programs Supervisor, City of Albany Parks & Recreation
Rose Lacey, Recreation Programs Specialist, City of Albany Parks & Recreation
Anne Catlin, Planner III, City of Albany Community Development
Frank Moore, Linn County Mental Health
Clifford Hartman, Linn County Mental Health
Tony Howell, Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program
Cristie Lynch, Samaritan Health Marketing & Communications Manager
Tara Dixon, GAPS McKinney-Vento (homeless student) Liaison
Monica Lorence, Linn County Outreach Coordinator of Jackson Street Youth Shelter
Andrea Myhre, Grant Officer with the Jackson Street Youth Shelter

Calendar of Events for 2014

January 2014 –

First week of January 2014 – HRA Subcommittee makes selections for the Human Relations Awards

January 15, 2014 – Martin Luther King, Jr., event, City Hall

January 22, 2014, City Council meeting, 7:15 p.m. – 2013 Human Relations Awards presentation

January 28, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

February 2014 –

February 25, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

March 2014 –

March 25, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

April 2014 –

April 22, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

April 23, 2014 – Submission of 2013 annual report to the City Council

May 2014 – Mental Health month

May 21, 2014 – HEART to Heart Resource Fair @ Boys & Girls Club

May 27, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

June 2014 –

June 24, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

July 2014 –

July 3, 2014 – River Rhythms 4th of July concert [*Thursday, July 3*]

July 22, 2014 - HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

August 2014 –

August 5, 2014 – National Night Out Event

August 22-24, 2014 – Northwest Art & Air Festival

August 26, 2014 - HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

September 2014 –

September 14, 2014 – Greeters at Festival Latino, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Monteith Riverpark

September 23, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

October 2014 – Mental Illness Awareness week

– Community Meal (in conjunction with Mental Illness Awareness week)

– Submission of Human Relations Award (HRA) applications [*October 1-November 28*]

October 28, 2014 – HRC/HAC joint meeting, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Municipal Court Room

– October HRC meeting, 4:00 p.m., City Hall Municipal Court Room

November 2014 – Submission of HRA applications [*October 1-November 28*]

November 5, 2014 – Annual Summit on Homelessness, 9:00 a.m.-noon, City Hall

November 25, 2014 - HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room

December 2014 – HRA Subcommittee meets to evaluate HRA applications

December 23, 2014 – HRC meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Willamette Room