

Minutes
December 18, 2024

Commissioner Present:

Kathryn Cobb-Holmes

Lisa Blount

Richard Wagner

Anthony Reynolds

Commissioner(s) Absent:

Wanda Negron

Valerie Phelps Robinson

Staff:

Kimberly Talbot

City Council Liaison:

Wesley Butler

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cobb-Holmes at 6:01 p.m. The minutes from September & October were reviewed. Commissioner Wagner moved to accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's Report

The E.D. attended a meeting to coordinate a code blue response for the city as well as working with Crystal Harris from Senator Schwank's office regarding solutions to the homeless problem. We had discussions about a day center where services can be provided but would not be mandated.

The RHRC received an EEOC contract for 2025. We must complete 10 cases and 15 intakes.

In October there was 1 housing inquiry and no intakes. There was 1 employment inquiry and 2 intakes.

In November there was 1 housing inquiry and no intakes. There was 1 employment inquiry and 7 intakes.

Old Business

New Business

Meeting dates for 2025 were reviewed with Commissioners. Everyone agrees to keep the same schedule.

Commissioner Blount requested copies of the job description for the outreach position that will be offered once the description is approved. RACC has agreed to disseminate the information.

Commissioners also suggested Penn State Berks.

Commissioner Reynolds requested clarification regarding who would be eligible to utilize the day center.

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes suggested partnering with the community health center for the day center.

Good & Welfare

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes informed us that a BCIU center in lower Alsace center has closed. The move displaced a lot of staff and children.

Training:

There is a free online training on October 30th from 12-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.