

Cumberland County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Committee

February 16, 2021 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Go- To Meeting

DEI Advisory Committee Notes

Attendance

General Manager/Co-Convener, Vicki Evans

General Manager/Co Convener, Brenda Jackson

Presenter, John Holmes

DEI/PIO Admin, Cheribeth Thomas

Members Present:

Al Florez, Alissa Brashear, Alvin Chestnut, Anila Ashraf, Annie Thomas, April Kelly, Cynthia McKinley,

Denise Schunk, Garry Crumpler, Hardin Brown, Ivonne Mendez, Jennifer Green, Kelly Moore, Mia

Kaleiwahea-Perry, Nora Armstrong, Ricky Hair, Telise Chavis, Timothy Middleton, Tye Vaught, Vincent Evans

Members Absent:

Jared White, Sara Reyes

Welcome

- Co-Conveners welcomed the members back.
- Introduced Human Resources Interim Director, John Holmes

Training

- John Holmes provided an overview and debriefing about the Diversity, Inclusion and Unconscious Bias training presented at the 01.19.2021 DEI Meeting.
- Committee members shared/discussed:
 - Educating people to cultivate an atmosphere of equity in the workplace.
 - Understanding Unconscious and Explicit Biases
 - Stereotypes whether positive or negative
 - Prejudices and discrimination
 - o Results from the Harvard Bias Test

- Experiences that committee members have faced dealing with biases and microaggressions.
- Updates were provided on:
 - DEI Recommended Holiday Schedules, the schedule the Executive Steering Committee recommended to the Board of Commissioners and the Holiday Schedule maintaining the 12 paid holidays and adding an additional day being approved by the Board of Commissioners.
 - K.L. Scott & Associates agreement has been fully executed and if everything goes according to schedule, they will be joining for the March 16,2021 DEI Advisory Committee Meeting.

Next Meeting

- Updates on K.L. Scott & Associates
- Debrief with Executive Steering Committee on the work of DEI on the Holiday Schedule
- DEI Website page

Adjourned

- Committee member reminded of the next meeting date, time and location.
- Meeting was adjourned.