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## Public Meeting Commission on African American Affairs Friday, March 15, 2019

**Lynnwood Public Library 19200 – 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lynnwood, WA 98022**  
**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chair Donahoe, Commissioners Caupain, Howard, Franklin-Phillips, Smith, Waller, Executive Director Edward Prince and Executive Assistant Charlotte Kerney. Quorum established

Absent: Commissioners Quinn, Reed-Trahan

**1:00 PM** - Meeting called to order

**1:05 PM** - Motion to accept previous meeting minutes as written. No additions, corrections or discussion. Passed.

**1:08 PM** – G3 Associates Survey Results

- **401 surveys received from a statewide survey of African Americans:** 254 hardcopies, 174 online. **Employment, Housing & Education are the top three areas of concern.**
    - 56.4% report the quality of life for African Americans in Washington state is fair
    - Commissioners are surprised law enforcement did not rank higher on the survey.
  - Next steps:
    - Some disaggregation needed to detail the top 3 issues per locality and demographic.
    - Structure a response for those participating in the survey.
- Data gathering regarding healthcare.

**1:25** - Lynnwood High School Black Student Union

**Working to dispel the idea that BSU admits only African American students.** Actively works to get more students to join. BSU finds frustration when only tapped to participate in school-wide events during Black History Month. Some Black students don't participate in BSU thinking there isn't a need to join the BSU or only use the group as a way to cut class. Describes themselves as a support group. More students patronize the BSU meetings when there is interest; such as career night. Advisors. BSU commonly encounters the nuances in the relations between foreign-born blacks and native-born blacks; an African/African American family night comments from both communities although it was a resource night and an attempt to build community. BSU president is trying for an info booth to introduce BSU to middle-schoolers but the group has a very small budget. Follow-up meeting with Dr. Smith and Principal Piper planned. SnapChat and Instagram are the primary social media outlets for youth.

## **2:00 PM – 2020 Census Presentation**

Susan Meldazy & Lisa McCann of the Office of Financial Management (OFM)

Preparation for the 2020 Census is underway. New changes coming this time around. Congressional representation is determined by the Census, as is redistricting, distribution of state and federal funds, businesses and location for public services. \$16.7 billion received from the federal government from the 2000 Census. Messaging about the importance of the count. It's going online; reporting can be completed online by smartphone, computer. A code system is used to complete the survey online with notification taking place beginning March 2020. April 23, the citizenship question goes to court. The questionnaire goes to print June 2019. Currently, the immigration question is off the survey. Internet self-reporting survey is in all languages. Incarcerated people are counted via the prison roster (also happens in other institutions such as college dorms, senior family homes also). These populations are counted where the person resides at the time of the count. Focus groups yielded some communities feel disconnected and untrusting towards government; feeling their participation in the survey is of no benefit. The commission is tagged, as is every other agency, to become Census Ambassadors and will work with OFM in creating a plan. Washington's website is [www.ofm.wa.gov/census](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/census)

## **3:00 PM Initiative 940: Steps to Implementation**

Commissioner Franklin-Phillips and Commissioner Howard have been participating in the stakeholder meetings. These are the next steps after the passage of Initiative 940 and the signing of HB 1064 into law. Next steps include the CJTC has to establish training requirements including the rendering first aid. Community engagement meetings are being arranged statewide. The first phase is training and the rendering of first aid aspect and what that will look like. Deadline is December 6, 2019. The second phase will shape the independent investigation requirement. The requirement is December 6, 2019. Two meetings have taken place, both held by the CJTC and Sue Rahr, Director of the CJTC but they consisted mostly of law enforcement present. The upcoming meetings are more community based. Commissioner Howard is working on meetings in the Tacoma-area to include community organizations such as NAACP, Urban League and TMA as hosts. Seattle has two meetings scheduled; location to be determined. Areas around de-escalation, alternative methods to deadly force and how to address mental health/behavioral health, training hours, how interactions to consider in rule making what that language will look like. Implementation is the tough part; the initiative was easy. Commissioner Franklin-Phillips mentioned the community is questioning whether the input will make any difference and they may be apprehensive about speaking freely with law enforcement being present. Trying to break down those barriers to get people to the table.

## **3:30 PM – Public Comment**

**None**

## **3:15 PM - Adjournment**