

MINUTES

Thursday, July 19, 2018



**Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission**

**12 Noon—1 p.m.
Commission Room
First Floor, City Hall**

Commissioners:

Present: Bill Wood, Brian Majerus, Justine Donaway, Lindy Obach, Megan Myers, Sarah Bouwman, Kassidi Smith, Kayla Heber

Absent: Sunny Nester-Holtz, Alex Ramirez, Megan Grode-Wolters

Staff: Katie Dunn, Assistant City Attorney

DAC Member Present: None

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm. Board members introduced themselves to one another.

2. Approval of Minutes

Bouwman moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Majerus seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Compassionate Sioux Falls

Wood provided an explanation of Compassionate Sioux Falls to the new Commission members. Wood also discussed the Living Library as an example of the work Compassionate Sioux Falls does.

4. New Business

A. Office statistics

1. June

- a. 130 Housing contacts
- b. 110 Employment contacts
- c. Opened eight new cases since June 1, 2018.
- d. Closed nine cases since June 1, 2018.

B. New Member Training: scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2018, at noon.

C. Committees: A member of each committee provided a synopsis of what each committee does. New board members selected the committee they thought they would like to join.

- a. Housing Committee: Majerus, Bouwman, and Heber
- b. Employment Committee: Obach and Smith
- c. Marketing Committee: Ramirez, Wood, Myers, and Donaway

D. Outreach: Donaway discussed her job and her work with the Sioux Empire Network of Care. She suggested that we reach out to Dress for Success and the 211 Helpline Center to do education about what the Human Relations Office does. Also suggested having the Helpline staff fill out the Commission's intake form with individuals that call in.

- a. Myers suggested making pamphlets.
- b. Heber suggested the use of mass text messages through the Helpline.

5. Civil Rights Update

Discussed the recent public hearing and outcome.

6. Public Comment

A. None

7. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Dunn. The next Human Relations Commission meeting will be August 16, 2018.