



OCTOBER BCHRAC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

10.19.20

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Circulate and post October agenda and meeting materials
- 2 HRAC complaints forms requested this month
- Working with various working groups to advance each groups agenda
- Compile list of applicants for HRAC Board vacancies
- BCHRAC submitted three candidates for the Tim McCarthy Human Rights Champion Award

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- Submitted Statement in Support of Assembly of Delegates Proposed Resolution 20-06, suggesting a Code of Conduct for interacting with the public during meetings.

UPDATES

- 15 applicants received for vacancies on the HRAC Board; initial review will commence immediately with interviews scheduled for the week of October 26th
- HRAC outreach by necessity, must extend to the housing, education, healthcare, climate change, police reform, Code of Conduct for elected officials, and other issues as they arise. We currently do not have the human capacity to deal with all these issues in alone. In January, when we have a new Board, the HRAC will be reevaluating the working group system and I will recommend a new committee structure staffed by volunteers.
- Recommendations that we allow public comments during discussions of agenda items, and that we adopt a code of conduct for public participation similar the that of the AoD, will be held over under the 2021 session for policy consideration.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

- Katie Riconda will be on maternity leave from December 24, 2020 through April 2, 2021; during her leave we have extended Paul Thompson's term (originally due to expire at the end of the year) through April 2021.
- Jeanne Morrison will be on medical leave starting October 30th through the end of the year.
- Patricia Armstrong is taking a six-month leave of absence from the Board as the Yarmouth Town liaison to the Board, effective immediately, due to increased job duties.
- Dave Schropfer and Paul Thompson were the HRAC representatives to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council (HHSAC). Their terms expired on May 31, 2020. We thank them for the work they have done on our behalf. New appointees to the HHSAC from the HRAC will be Katie Riconda and myself. Swearing in will take place on October 22, 2020.