

**Abington Human Relations Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

**Present: Joanne Kleiner, Kristin Chapin, Razinn Lewis, Rosemary Jenkins, John Carne,  
Dave Rondinelli, Jeffrey Browne**

1. Introduction of new member, Jeffrey Browne.
2. Tri-State HRC meeting – Kristin attended and gave a summary:
  - Discussed what is happening in local HRCs. One HRC is starting a half hour tv show with guests to talk about conversations that are important to the community. One HRC will attend Bucks and Montgomery County Interfaith Training. Plan is to bring the train-the-trainer to the Tri State HRC where the individual HRCs can pull together and then customize the training for their needs.
  - Haverford HRC made a presentation to the Department of Community and Economic development about benefits of inclusion to businesses.
  - Newtown HRC are very new and have been networking with community.
  - Doylestown HRC is working on window clings to raise awareness of their HRC.
  - Abington - Kristin talked about recent issues from the school board and the divisiveness that has resulted in social media.
  - The Tri-State four action items for 2020:
    - The Interfaith training train-the-trainer
    - Developing connections meeting with the Township Manager
    - Determine best marketing and outreach effort for HRS
    - What are HRCs doing regarding voting rights and to reduce intimidation in the upcoming elections
  - Next Tri-State meeting in March 25.
3. Plan for Presentation to the Board of Commissioners – This will be a refresher to existing commissioners, introduction to new commissioners and to hear from them what their constituents are saying and where the HRC can help. We discussed each of us reaching out to our Commissioners as well.
4. Upcoming training opportunities at Good Shephard
  - Restorative Justice in August
  - Basic Mediation – April 14-17
  - Razinn to reach out for more information and costs/scholarships
5. School Board meeting – February 4, 2020 – Joanne, Kristin and Jeffrey attended. We had a very active discussion about the issues and outcome of the meeting.
6. Discussion about partnering with Abington Friends on their Community Conversations.

Next meeting will be held on March 4 at 7:00PM.