

Abington Human Relations Commission

December 2, 2020

Present: Shelley, Joanne, Rosemary, Jeffrey, Kristin, John

Old Business

Tri-State HRC: Shelley reported on the December meeting of the Tri-State HRC. Shelley has been working with a small group that is close to completing the first session of a Power Point presentation on implicit bias. It will be offered, along with train the trainer sessions, to any members HRCs of Tri-State that would like to use it. Tri-State is also discussing initiating a speakers' program that will be offered to all member groups.

Walking While Black Program: Rosemary and Joanne met with Deputy Superintendent of the Abington Police Department about the Walking While Black program. Both the NAACP and Commissioner Vaughn want to show it and the AHRC has been encouraged by the APD to take the initiative on setting up and planning a program (or set of programs). The current thinking is that we'd like to schedule the first program in February and, if possible, show the movie separately from the facilitated "talkback" sessions (with two "talkbacks" per showing). Participants would watch the film on their own and the first 35 people who register for the "talkback" would have the opportunity to participate. There would be one HRC member and one person from the APD per breakout group (of about 8 people) at each "talkback." We will invite the police who are going to work with us on this to participate in our January meeting in order to prepare.

Kristin will prepare a flier to promote the event and we'll put it on the HRC Facebook page and ask all of the Commissioners to advertise it in their newsletters.

New Business

ADA Accommodations: Joanne reported on an ADA case that concluded that medical marijuana is not protected under the ADA.

MLK Day: Joanne received a request that the AHRC participate in the Township MLK Day event. Rosemary, Kristin, and Jeffrey have volunteered to work on this.

North Wales HRC: Rosemary was contacted by a member of the North Wales HRC because it is just getting under way. She and Joanne will attend one of their meetings (Zoom) to tell them about how Abington HRC works.

Next Meeting: Please check the Township Calendar for the date of the January meeting.