

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2013 @ 1:30PM  
ROBERT DREWEL BLDG., 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, PMR # 1&2  
3000 ROCKEFELLER AVENUE  
EVERETT, WA 98201  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners:** Deborah Lee, Chair Pro Tem; Shawn Murinko, Commissioner; Charlene Strong, Commissioner; Steve Hunt, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner.

**Staff:** Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Laura Skinner, Executive Assistant; Stacia Hollar, AAG.

Chair Hunt, Commissioner Henderson, and AAG Hollar attended meeting by phone.

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Deborah Lee, Chair Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Strong made motion to approve December 27, 2012 meeting minutes; Commissioner Murinko seconded; motion carried.

**CASE CLOSURES**

Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve case closures; Commissioner Strong seconded; motion carried.

**ED REPORT**

Director Ortiz discussed HB 1024 service animal legislation; had first hearing on January 16th, 2013; met with rental lobbyists, disability groups and the Washington Bar Association, submitted friendly amendments to both the house and senate bill; December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 did a lunch time presentation to the Dept. of Health for Human Rights Day and that evening we held the Vancouver Open House; on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Cheryl Strobert and I met with Snohomish County Officials to discuss office space; discussed budget, is in hold pattern; AG's office want to reduce our AG funds due to us not using them lately, in discussion regarding this issue; January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 had quarterly Union Management meeting, topics included the performance standards (have been done for over a year,

waiting for approval), promotional opportunities and technology/ templates; January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 attended the Dr. Martin Luther King celebration at the Tacoma Convention Center.

Director Ortiz made announcement that Investigator David Hamilton will retire on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013; having a retirement party on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 12pm in the Olympia office; extended invitation for Commissioners to attend.

Director Ortiz went over various meetings attended in December 2012 and January 2013.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTING**

**Commissioner Murinko:** Attended Director Ortiz's presentation on December 10th, 2012 at the Dept. of Health and the Vancouver Open House.

**Commissioner Strong:** Recently spoke at the University of Washington regarding global healthcare and LGBT, not as a Commissioner; have been busy speaking on behalf of the Marriage Equality Bill as a citizen; secured location for February 2013 Commission meeting.

**Chair Hunt:** Attended Vancouver Open House on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012; went to the seminar for Racial & Social Justice on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012; attended the Dr. Martin Luther King events in King County and Tacoma.

**Chair Pro Tem Lee:** Working with the Seattle School District regarding racial issues; Commission discussion around racial discrimination; Quinault Indian Tribe also has issues; Indian Civil Rights will be holding forum.

**Commissioner Henderson:** Secured location for the March Commission meeting.

Commissioners had brief discussion regarding gun rights and mental illness; cannot take stand as a Commission unless a hate crime.

AAG Hollar explained has to tie directly into HRC jurisdiction.

Commissioner's discussed inviting the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill to our February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Commission meeting to do a presentation; this will be an action item.

Commissioner's would like to have a short agenda for the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Commission meeting then hold a public hearing on the sexual orientation/ gender identity regarding the rule making since the Marriage Equality Bill passed; will need a larger conference space; this will be an action item.

Commissioner Strong and Commissioner Murinko will discuss with Laura Lindstrand process for the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner  
Commission Clerk