

Abington Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes – March 2025

March 5, 2025

In Attendance: Michele Cooper, Justin Williams, Kristin Chapin, Rosemary Jenkins, Shelley Rosenberg, Joanne Kleiner, Bonnie Dalzell

CALL TO ORDER at 7:02PM

ROLL CALL

2/5/2025 Meeting Minutes were approved

PRESENTATION

Social media update

970 followers on Facebook

24 followers on Instagram

Reached over 900 people over the month of February

Interviews for Open Positions

Interview schedule has been finalized. We have seven candidates. We had 9. In addition to finding a new HRC member, out of these interviews we hope to identify some community ambassadors.

Partnerships updates

Police Advisory Council meeting – Monday March 3 – Kristin, Joanne, Rosemary attend (Rosemary to check on the status of previous HRC budget balance)ed. We were asked to talk about Implicit Bias training and maybe do training for the APD again. Rosemary will follow up with Chief Molloy. Chief spoke about ICE enforcement in the township – they will only assist if the person is otherwise wanted for some criminal offense. The APD is not going after undocumented persons.

Kristin met with Krystin DiDominick of the Bucks Mont Collaborative to explore ideas on how to partner with them. We could become members of the Bucks Mont Collaborative; \$75. Potentially sponsor training sessions together or maybe launch a networking event and the HRC could host to bring community members together. These were some ideas.

The Abington Library reached out and asked if would like to be part of Pride Fest in June. We would table on Tuesday, June 3rd from 6 to 8 PM.

Medicaid Cuts Panel - Discussion

"Who pays the price: Understanding the Human toll of Medicaid Cuts!

- PHRC will host the zoom for us.
- Chad Lassiter will be on our panel along with Erin Gabriel of PHAN, the Exec Director of Speaking for Ourselves (a self-advocacy group) and Senator Art Haywood.
- WE have a flyer that will give people the ability to register. Once registered they will be sent a Zoom link.
- Chat will be open for comment and questions; Justin has volunteered to monitor the chat.
- Michele came up with questions and Kristin has volunteered to moderate the panel.
- Promoting this to the other HRCs and flooding social media with the information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Email from Cheltenham HRC member –Shelley will reach out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monique Allen introduced herself as an interview candidate for HRC; wanted to sit in to hear more about us,

ADJOURNMENT at 7:53PM.