

**State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights  
Commission Meeting  
May 9, 2017 – 10am  
MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Shawn M. Wright, Esq., Chairperson; DeWayne Wickham; Roberto N. Allen, Esq.

**Commissioners Present by Phone:** Rabbi Binyamin Marwick; Dominique S. Moore, Esq.; Gary C. Norman, Vice Chairperson; Naima Said, Esq.

**Management Present:** Alvin O. Gillard, Executive Director; Cleveland L. Horton, II, Deputy Director; Nicolette Young, Assistant Director; Glendora C. Hughes, General Counsel

**Staff Present:** S. Spencer Dove, Executive Associate; Tara Taylor, Director of Education & Outreach

ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTION
<b>Call to Order</b>	1. Meeting called to order at 10:03am.	None.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	1. Motion to approve April, 2017 Meeting minutes by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Wickham; motion carries unanimously.	Minutes approved.
<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	1. Reviewed agenda for the day. 2. Will follow-up with Commissioners about the proposed Advisory Councils, so that Commissioners have time to review information and get answers to any additional questions they may have.	None.
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	1. Focus 2017: Outreach. Agency wants to utilize all staff to harness the true potential of MCCR with respect to outreach initiatives and connecting around the state. 2. Spencer Dove presented at the Maryland Association for the Deaf Annual Conference, Cleveland Horton attended on behalf of MCCR the Maryland Services meeting in late April, Alvin Gillard joined the Jewish Community Center discussion on Hate Crimes in Montgomery County, and Alvin and Cleveland visited the Maryland Alliance of Disability Commissions and Committees Meeting. 3. Looking to secure a speaker by June (MAHRA)	None.
<b>Deputy Director's Report</b>	1. Reviewed submitted written report.	None.
<b>Assistant Director's Report</b>	1. Reviewed submitted written report.	None.
<b>Education &amp; Outreach Director's Report</b>	1. Next Tuesday, May 16 will be the next Case Processing unit Lunch & Learn. The focus will be on training the staff in "MCCR 101 Training" to assist and prepare them to support the agency's outreach goals for 2017. 2. MCCR has a series that will be in public libraries throughout Maryland – "Know Your Rights" is the	None.

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	<p>theme. Currently a number of events scheduled for the summer months.</p> <p>3. More requests coming in from around the state for Education &amp; Outreach. Also having greater contact with communities of faith, including the Muslim and Sikh communities.</p> <p>4. June 7 – Safe Spaces free and open to the public training at the Universities of Shady Grove, in honor of LGBT Pride Month. Email being distributed to Commissioners. Space limited, so please RSVP. Commissioners encouraged to share with their respective networks.</p> <p>5. Maryland Equity &amp; Inclusion Leadership Program off to a strong start. Conducted phone sessions recently, and the Baltimore Jewish Council is sponsoring the upcoming training.</p>	
<b>General Counsel’s Report</b>	<p>1. Conducted Fair Housing training at Baltimore City Community College in April.</p> <p>2. Received a copy of an opinion from the Court of Special Appeals – <i>A.C. vs MCCR</i> – in MCCR’s favor. Reviewed written opinion with Commissioners.</p>	None.
<b>Old Business</b>	1. None.	None.
<b>Executive Session</b>	1. Entered Executive Session at 11:03.	None.
<b>New Business</b>	1.	
<b>Good &amp; Welfare</b>	1.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	1.	