

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION (DEI) AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 15, 2021**

Approved

**Committee Members Present:** Robert Cook, Jane Smith, Dan Templin, Teri Spartz, Dr. Quiana Jones, Lisa King, Sheridan Suggs, Dr. Antoinette Jones, Jasmine Young, Luis Santos-Rivas

**Office staff:** Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostdick, Vinh Le

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Introductions were made.

**2. Agenda Approval**

*Ms. King made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**3. Minutes Approval 01/28/21**

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting; seconded by Mr. Cook. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**4. Committee Name, Structure and Leadership**

The Committee discussed several ideas for the committee's name and how they would like the committee structured. Ms. Cada will work on organizing the suggestions.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Mission/Purpose/Goals of Committee**

The Committee had a mission statement discussion. Before a statement can be designed, the Committee will decide what their mission is going to be. The Committee members should bring ideas to the next meeting.

**B. Establish a shared vocabulary - Review**

Ms. Cada reviewed the shared vocabulary list that she presented to the Committee. The members agreed that the vocabulary list was appropriate.

**C. Barriers to Access Discussion**

The Committee discussed not only barriers to access but also barriers to seeking services and getting services. This will be discussed at the next few meetings.

**D. Current County DEI Landscape**

Ms. Cada shared with the Committee that the County DEI services were scant. The formation of this Committee hopefully will lead to agencies starting new programs.

**6. New Business**

A. Next steps

Next steps were discussed above.

**7. Date of next DEI Ad Hoc Committee meeting**

The next DEI Committee meeting will be 5/27/21 starting at 6:00 pm.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Cook, Chairman

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Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary