

**Collaboration for Equity and Belonging in Behavioral Healthcare (CEBiB)**

**March 9, 2023**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:** Robert Cook, Lisa King, Teri Spartz, India Washington, Perry Maier, Dr. Quiana Jones, Dori DeLaCruz

**Staff Present:** Deanna Cada, Heaven Allen

APPROVED

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by introductions.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved by consensus.
3. **Approval of Minutes from 12/8/2023** – Approved by consensus.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. **Committee Makeup and Attendance** – Ms. Cada contacted all committee members and verified who was interested in continuing on the committee and who wanted to rotate off. The Committee welcomed new member India Washington.
  - b. **Survey Results Analysis Status** – The NIU Center for Government Studies is analyzing the data. Ms. Cada contacted Mindy Schneiderman, NIU-CGS, to receive an update on the analysis status. Per the contract, the NIU-CGS has until June 30, 2023, to complete this program.
  - c. **Marketing & Sharing Results**
    - i. **May 16 Awareness Event – Egyptian Theatre** – Ms. Cada shared the option of hosting an event to engage the community in the CEBiB Survey results. Discussion ensued. Ms. Cada shared the opportunity of a documentary, “Race to be Human,” as a potential event anchor. The Finance Committee has authorized a \$15,000 budget for an event. The committee discussed previewing the film to see if it was a good fit for an event. Different ideas were discussed about meaningful experiences. It was agreed that May 16 is too soon to plan for an event properly.
  - d. **DCCMHB Grant Application and DEIB Questions** – All grant applicants to the DCCMHB were asked about their investment in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Ms. Cada compiled the answers and will share them with committee members. Many agencies requested training about DEI-B topics. Some agencies asked for funding to engage in DEI-B work. A prior committee suggestion was to have MHB-funded agencies present their work around DEI-B to the committee for education and discussion.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Discussion ensued around hosting an agency awareness fair at an accessible location, possibly New Hope Baptist Church. July is Minority Mental Health month, which might be a good tie-in for an event.
6. The next CEBiB Committee Meeting is **April 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**
7. **Adjournment** – By consensus at 7:00 p.m.