

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
5:41pm

Hooker Conference Room #245 City Hall  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

AGENDA

Members Present: John McCloskey, Brian, Debora, Cornelius Seth Debro, David Hummons  
called meeting at 5:45pm

Guests: Jaime Bue, Indiana University; Julius Lee, Indiana University; Beverly Calendar-Anderson

Staff: Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City of Bloomington liaison

**1. Introductions**

**2. Request for Additional Agenda Items**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Young Black Male Leader at high school is interested in becoming a liaison and will likely attend the next meeting

Minutes approved at 5:51pm

**4. New Business**

A. Beverly Calendar-Anderson, Director, Community and Family Resources Department  
2-3 weeks commissioner self-assessment, planning for bicentennial for 2018 suggested reading program with young people with the number 200

B. Monroe County Health Department, colorectal screenings for African-Americans- Julius Lee (MPH candidate at IU)

works on health bulletin; colorectal cancer 3<sup>rd</sup> most leading cancer affecting Black Women and Men including those over 30; family history, obese, processed foods, alcohol, high fat diet, rectal screening and prostate exam are only preemptive courses of care, ACA pays for 1<sup>st</sup> screening if you are Medicaid, want a test to establish a baseline

- potential to collaborate with a representative for Health Fair
- black patients diagnosed at younger age and more advanced stage than white patients
- suggestion for yearlong mission awareness for colorectal cancer

C. Post-event evaluation: Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow 2017

- concern of seated commissioner to receive the award, need to avoid bias
- received 2 nominations at high school and 7 for adult

- consider promoting award earlier or more rigorously, possibly having a high school student on the commission gives greater visibility to the award year-round

**D. CSBM mentoring initiative**

- study hall and English as a new language with a series of videos that the students can take part in; working with students in Bloomington North with high student retention in the tutorial hour
- possibility of extending the program into Jackson Creek (proposal to adopt Jackson Creek with 23 names); internship credit in African American Studies at IU plus School of Education students can get involved in these pilot projects; list of tutors to creatively address students, all schools have some block of time for tutorial services

**E. Young Black Males Matter Event, April 12, 2017**

- event at the state house with members of the Black Caucus for males ages 12-18 with breakfast to lunch, coordinate with church vans

**5. Liaison report**

**A. New appointments**

1. Common Council/Human Rights Commission appointee to CSBM the reintroduction of Fred Darko
2. CSBM participation in commemorating Bloomington's and Monroe County's bicentennials; 200 books read
3. There is one mayoral vacancy to apply to become a seated commissioner

**6. Old Business**

**A. Updates from meeting with Principal David Pillar and Superintendent Judy DeMuth at Jackson Creek Middle School on February 8**

- need to change the way they looked at kids, have teachers who give more referrals to kids of color than others
- principal apologized for previous statements
- interested in establishing an advisory council with members of the community

**B. Respond to the Letter**

- need to have a meeting to hear what the CSBM had to say
- they were apologetic, suspended the program, talked about teachers receiving diversity training but not what those benchmarks are
- John offered to draft the letter

**C. 2017 Black Barbershop Health Initiative Updates**

- recommendation to look at April as an awareness
- potentially organize a walk for colorectal screenings

- utilize what's already in existence
- confirmed to use the E.B. Barbershop with the suggestion of a Monday on either the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 17<sup>th</sup> although timeframe uncertain
- proposed 3 additional screenings in June (educational materials for diabetes), September (hypertension), and November (diabetes) and raise \$10,000 to support these screenings

#### **D. Action committee reports**

##### **1. Education**

- a) Mentoring initiative

##### **2. Health and Wellness**

- a) Monroe County Health Department- Julius Lee
- b) 2017 Black Barbershop Health Initiative
- c) City of Bloomington: Community and Family Resources Department Health and Wellness Fair- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm

Motion to pursue year-long colorectal initiative to carry throughout the year.

##### **3. Employment and Entrepreneurship**

##### **4. Criminal Justice**

#### **7. Adjournments**

- A. Meeting adjourned at pm.

#### **8. Announcements**

- a. Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan handed out a calendar informational materials for the Young Black Males Matter Event on April 12<sup>th</sup>
- b. community conversation with Dr. Dra.... On March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm.