

African-American Affairs Commission
 Public Meeting, Minutes for Wednesday, September 3, 2008
 State Capitol – Old Judiciary Room

Present:

Commissioner Kristen Clark
Commissioner Michael Jefferson
Commissioner Rosetta Jones
Commissioner George Logan,

Commissioner Derrick McBride
Commissioner Ngozi Taffe
Commissioner Alphonse Wright

Absent:

Commissioner Fred Pierre-Louis

Also Present: Glenn Cassis, AAAC Executive Director; Cheryl Harris Forbes, AAAC Public Affairs/Special Projects Coordinator, Jacqueline Caron, Founder - CT Pardon Team and Richard Caron – CT Pardon Team, Ron Schack – Charter Oak Consulting, Steve Hunt and Rachel Welch – Office of Fiscal Analysis

Members of the Public: Christopher Blocker

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Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM	Call to Order Roll Call	Chairperson Jefferson Cheryl Harris Forbes
Public Comments	Jacqueline and Richard Caron provided an overview and status report about the work and accomplishments of the CT Pardon Team. Both expressed their desire to partner with the Commission to promote awareness of the CT Pardon Team in both the legislative and constituent arenas. A detailed report of Pardon Team activities, outreach efforts, and nuances of the pardon and provisional process followed. The importance of pardons and records expungement to the resocialization of former offenders was discussed in detail. Commissioner Jefferson congratulated the Team on their efforts and pledged Commission support especially via electronic communication and the AAAC website.	

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	<p>Mr. Cassis introduced Ron Schack of Charter Oak Consulting, and Steve Hunt and Rachel Welch of the Office of Fiscal Analysis, all of whom presented the new administrative initiative - Results Based Accountability (RBA). Mr. Cassis also noted that all legislative commissions were required to comply with the process and directed Commissioners' attention to the distributed explanatory report, directory of terms, and his prepared draft AAAC the Results Based Accountability Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Schack explained that RBA is a tool for actually showing how particular programs and programmatic activity contribute to quality of life results at the population level. He further provided that RBA as a performance measure goes beyond typical programmatic performance and outcomes to focus on improvements in the desired quality of life of Connecticut residents statewide. Additionally, Mr. Schack highlighted the second level of accountability related to State funded activities and how those activities perform for the people receiving the services related to those funds. He stated the Commissions' unique position in being clearly association with the compilation of results of quality of life indicators.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson inquired about how to account for outside contributing factors when reporting RBA results. Mr. Schack noted that the reporting format could allow for making such distinctions and outside cumulative effects. Mr. Schack further stated possible indicators are evaluated based on three criteria: (1) communication power, (2) proxy power and (3) data availability. Additionally, Mr. Hunt and Ms. Welch offered technical assistance and/or work sessions to the Commission in preparation of its RBA plan. Late September 2008 was set for as the draft plan deadline.</p>	
Approval of July 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes	Motion to move to approve the July 23, 2008 Board Minutes.	Motion by Commissioner Wright 2 nd by Commissioner Clark Approved
Treasurer's Report	Commissioner Wright noted his review and approval of the budget.	Commissioner Wright

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Chairperson's Report	<p>Chairperson Jefferson directed attention to his distributed Chairperson's Report noting that at the next AAAC Board Meeting – October 1, 2008, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) presentation would begin at 5:00 p.m. The presentation is open to the general public in Room 1B of the Legislative Office Building. Following a brief recess, the regular AAAC board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the same room.</p> <p>The Governor's Prevention Partnership in conjunction with the AAAC and Court Support Services Division (CSSD) are working on an organizational mentoring program. Chairperson Jefferson noted the AAAC will use its website to offer resources and services to participants. The participants for the pilot program are Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Masons of Greater New Haven. The program is targeted to meet the needs of 16 to 17 year olds.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson called for Executive Session 7:29 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson asked Commissioners to review the RBA workbook. He noted that Executive Director had already provided 9 results statements. Chairperson Jefferson highlighted the process by which the indicator, results statements, and broad based strategies are achieved. He stated the need for a subcommittee to complete the aforementioned tasks and solicited volunteers. Commissioners Clark, Pierre Louis and McBride will serve, with the Chairperson Jefferson as an ex-officio member.</p> <p>Chairperson announced the Harmony Classic football game on Saturday, September 20 at CCSU and distributed 25 complimentary tickets as a result of the AAAC Bronze sponsorship.</p>	Chairperson M. Jefferson
Executive Director's Report	Mr. Cassis directed attention to the distributed Executive Director's Report and noted the activities of the African American Day Parade Committee. The parade is scheduled for September 27, 2008 at 12:00	G. Cassis,

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	<p>noon beginning at Main and Trumbull/ Cathedral St..</p> <p>Relative to legislative issues, the Executive Director reported constituent and legislative interest regarding a resolution apologizing for slavery as well as African trade partnerships. The Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice is working to fine-tune recently passed legislation related to environmentally stressed communities. The minority construction council is working on a bill to address and improve minority set-asides and have asked for assistance in drafting legislation. Activities are underway for a mentoring program with the State Department of Education. The Minority Health Commission (MHC) is beginning to take shape. Ms. Forbes will serve as the AAAC's MHC designee.</p> <p>The racial profiling project is moving forward. Meeting with the Department of Transportation are in progress to finalize the plan and project timelines. Modifications should be complete by mid October 2008.</p> <p>The Department of Social Services is interested in having commissions particularly LPRAC and AAAC disseminate information related to the HUSKY and Charter Oak Health Plans. The Department is reserving initial amounts of \$20,000 for each commission for constituent outreach and increased plan participation. A proposal for the funds must be submitted to the Department although a deadline has not been established. The Executive Director has requested additional information about current Department efforts related to public awareness of the plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Jones expressed concern about the sufficiency of health care plan providers statewide . Chairperson Jefferson asked the Executive Director to secure a list of Health Plan service providers.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson directed Mr. Cassis to provide a draft HUSKY and Charter Oak Health Plan proposal by October 1, 2008 inclusive of</p>	

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	<p>a media campaign, subsequent to determining previous activity by the Department of Social Services.</p> <p>Mr. Cassis reported that Commissioners Logan and McBride reappointment letters have been received, and that all appointing authorities with AAAC Board vacancies have been notified. He reported that Sen. Williams would announce one of two appointments next week.</p> <p><u>Legislative -</u> Reported by the Executive Director in his report.</p> <p><u>Health</u> Ms. Forbes announced and distributed registration information for the Connecticut Cancer Partnership's annual meeting, <i>Comprehensive Cancer Planning: Disparities and the Next Five Years</i> will be held on September 19, 2008 at the Crown Plaza in Cromwell. Subsequent to inquiry Ms. Forbes noted that additional health programs could be produced for AAAC Update and that health related and African American interest public service announcements were being secured for inclusion in future AAAC Update programs.</p> <p><u>Nominating Committee</u> Commissioner Logan noted that the Nominating Committee will be on the agenda for next month and explained that the life of the Committee will be from October through December and that volunteers are needed. The group will have one month to present a slate of officers to the Board. He further explained the Nominating Committees responsibilities relative to Board elections.</p>	<p>C. Forbes</p> <p>Commissioner Logan</p>
Resolutions	<p>Resolutions 117-122 for September 3, 2008</p> <p>Resolution #117 - AAAC Sponsorship of the Harmony Classic - Approved</p>	<p>All Commissioners</p> <p>All Resolutions Approved</p>

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	<p>Resolution #118 – AAAC Partnership with the Department of Social Services Re – Charter Oak and Husky Health Plans - Approved (2 opposed)</p> <p>Resolution #119 - AAAC Support of Latino Puerto Rican Affairs Commission Gala - Approved</p> <p>Resolution #120 - AAAC Support of Urban League of Greater Hartford Equal Opportunity Event - Approved</p> <p>Resolution #121 – AAAC Participation in Connecticut Childhood Obesity Council - Approved</p> <p>Resolution #122 -AAAC Support of Prospering Communities, Thriving Families Conference - Approved</p>	
New Business	<p>Commissioner Clark suggested hosting a reception for the new president of St. Joseph College. She noted that Dr. Pamela Trotman-Reid is the first African American president of St. Joseph College and is recognized nationally for her scholarly contributions. Dr. Reid is involved with the Hartford public school system in helping to start a girl’s academy.</p> <p>Mr. Cassis noted that this effort would fit the AAAC’s mission of recognizing the achievements of African Americans statewide.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson asked the executive Director to provide proposed plan for the event at the upcoming Commission meeting</p> <p>Commissioner Jones asked that the Board consider hosting a Civics Day</p>	<p>Commissioner Clark</p> <p>G. Cassis</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson</p> <p>Commissioner Jones</p>

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	<p>at the Capitol for students during Black History Month, and suggested involving tours with the League of Women voters and meetings with legislators.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson asked that the proposal be put in form of a resolution for the next AAAC Board Meeting.</p>	Chairperson Jefferson
Other Business	None	
Upcoming Events	NAACP /CCSU Harmony Classic on September 20, 2008	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM</p>	<p>Motion by Commissioner Wright 2nd by Commissioner Jones Motion Approved</p>

Respectfully Submitted _____
Cheryl Harris Forbes
Public Affairs/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved by _____
Commissioner George Logan
AAAC Secretary