

African-American Affairs Commission
 Unapproved Minutes for September 1, 2010
 Old Judiciary Room

Present: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Wright**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Logan**

Absent: Commissioner **Bellamy**, Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner, Commissioner **Washington**, Commissioner **Hugley**

Staff in Attendance: **Glenn Cassis** – Executive Director

Public: Dave Samuesl, Daniel Mayo (Cofounder of Community Partners) and Terry Stevens (President & CEO of 3 generation Never End)

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Meeting called to order	6:03 pm Commissioner Pierre-Louis chaired the meeting	Commissioner Fred Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	5 present 7 absent	Mr. Cassis
Public Comments	Dave Samuels, Daniel Mayo and Terry Stevens voiced their concerns about traffic stops and racial profiling in Connecticut. Mentioned they have found flaws in the current racial profiling law. The major concern is that police control all the data input. They recommend that all tickets include a tear away receipt containing pertinent officer and department information along with contact and website information so the person being stopped can report any problems regarding their stop. Thus acting as a deterrent to racial profiling. This new form will allow people to have proof of their encounter along	

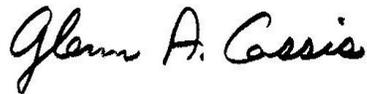
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	<p>with the information being collected. This will be a standardized form for all departments, since only 1 quarter of the departments currently comply with the request to submit stats. Their hope is to collaborate nationally. Also suggested that officers hand out business card after each stop.</p> <p>Discussed the need to have the stops analyzed for trends and suggested having an independent agency or an institution of higher learning take on this task.</p> <p>They are still in process of formulating the plan and feel that this is a much needed investment. They plan to submit additional language to legislators this upcoming session.</p>	
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer, Commissioner Wright – Nothing new to report.	
Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director, Cassis discussed: <u>The Schotts Report</u> - The report provides a report card on all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The report indicates that the African-American male drop out rate is getting better yet is still not acceptable. Connecticut graduation rate is above national average (60% vs. 47%), but the disparities between blacks and whites in CT still exist (83% for white males). Mr. Cassis distributed the report for Connecticut and provided website information for reference.</p> <p><u>Race To The Top</u> – Federal grant was not accepted by the US Dept. of Education , but the State Department of Education will continue to work on secondary school reform.</p>	

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	<p><u>Grants - 1st grant - College Goal Sunday.</u> Completed the first three years of this 3 year grant for \$80,000 with extraordinary results. Looking to renew this grant and is confident that it will be renewed. The upcoming, continuation, grant will be for \$50,000 for the next 3 years. Mr. Cassis strongly believes that the grant will be approved. The grants are funded by the Lumina Foundation.</p> <p><u>State Department of Education</u> – A larger grant, 1.7 million dollars for 3 years, dealing with financial literacy and promoting access to success to first generation students. The grant will focus on new haven, because there is a program already in place. Only 1 state will be eligible and 20 states have expressed an interest thus far. The focus will be on teacher development regarding financial aid. Teachers at the high school level will help educate students and families about finances before college, thus avoiding financial debt.</p> <p><u>3rd grant - COE</u> Mr. Cassis submitted a grant request to the Council for Opportunity in Education for \$3,500. If approved it would be used to provide technical assistance to organizations providing educational access and success programs.</p>	
Chairperson’s Report	Logan arrived and reported on Executive Committee meetings held in July and August. Copies of the report were distributed.	
Committee Reports	No reports	
Resolutions	<u>Resolution # 148</u> - Commission approved Executive Director, Glenn A. Cassis to attend the Annual National Council for Opportunity Programs on September 2 – 4,	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner Pierre-Louis

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	2010 in San Diego, CA for the purpose of making a presentation. There will be no direct cost to the Commission or State of Connecticut.	
Old Business	<p><u>Racial Profiling</u> – Executive Director discussed the report which listed towns that submitted stats within the last 2 years, including complaints, from the state police and the town of Hamden. AAAC is still compiling the data. Analysis can be done but we are still in need the resources. Chairperson Logan suggested having an institution of higher education come up with an estimate and proposal on how much it will cost to have schools do the analysis.</p> <p><u>RBA</u> – Executive Director submitted a draft of the RBA outlining the 4 result statements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieve Educational Success 2. Health. Indicators 3. Financially Self-Sufficient. Indicators 4. Free From Discrimination. Indicators <p>Details for each result statement was distributed.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Bylaws</u> – Executive Director prepared a draft of changes to bylaws. He discussed the need for new commissioners. The bylaws committee will meet soon to review bylaws for the Commission. Committee formed is as follows: Commissioners Delgado, Jones and Pierre-Louis. Commissioner Delgado as chairperson.</p> <p><u>Appointments needed</u> - Executive Director mentioned appointments are expected to be filled. Counties need to be filled include: Windham County, Litchfield County, Fairfield County, Middlesex County, Hartford County and New London County</p>	

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	<p><u>AAAC Board Secretary Position</u> - Chairperson Logan appointed Commissioner Campbell to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the term.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p>October 28, 2010 - Network Symposium at Southern CT State University.</p> <p>September 11, 2010 - NAACP Harmony Classics - University of New Haven vs. Lincoln University</p> <p>Commissioner Wright mentioned AAAC's need to begin forming the 2011 Classic Awards Committee. Mr. Cassis mentioned that due to new legislation, the board will need to discuss the event further at next commission meeting.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 7:51 pm</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved</p>

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary