

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for May 6, 2015
 LOB Room 1B

Present: Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Ike**, Commissioner **Johnson**, , Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **Ficklin**, Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Fields**, Commissioner **Jones** and Commissioner **Vermont**

On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**

Staff in Attendance: AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn Cassis**, AAAC Legislative Analyst, **Subira Gordon** and AAAC Information Officer, **Earl Bloodworth**

Public: **Sue Gunderman, Kyle Gel, Tiana Hercules, Eileen O'Connor, Karen Warner, Richard Porth, and Abdul-Rahmaan I. Muhammad**

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	6:04 pm Called to order	Chairman Alphonse Wright
Roll Call	10 Present, 6 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<p>The entirety of each public comment was recorded and is available upon request.</p> <p>Richard Porth- United Way Discussed the ALICE Study (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) that the United Way and 5 other states in addition to CT recently completed. The ALICE report to quantify how there are individuals and families that work hard, but still struggle to make ends meet. The ALICE study was done in 6 states in conjunction with Rutgers University in CT, NJ, Florida, Michigan, Indiana and California.</p> <p>Study Goals: 1. Why do many hard working people still struggle financially?</p>	Introduction by Chairman Alphonse Wright

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	<p>2. To understand how the struggle affects their lives and limits their opportunities and choices.</p> <p>3. To determine how the financial hardships they face impacts the community as a whole.</p> <p>Sue Gunderman- Stride Job Placement Coordinator with a focus of employment for the reentry population Quinebaug Valley Community College, Co-Chair of the Greater Hartford Reentry Council.</p> <p>The stride Job Placement is a program funded by the Dept. Of Labor to work with formerly incarcerated parent's pre/post release. All participants have children under the age of 25 years of age and have been on some form of state assistance. 5 Reentry councils across the state</p> <p>Greater Hartford Reentry Council:</p> <p>Signature event - 5th Annual reentry employment and resource fair in Mid-September 2015</p> <p>3 Main Goals Pre/During/Post incarceration</p> <p>Legislative Advocacy Goals support or blocking of a bill that adversely impacts the population they serve.</p> <p>Creating a mentoring or Community program</p> <p>Updating and putting forward proposal for end of sentence resource home/service-center</p> <p>Tiana Hercules- Project Coordinator for Project Longevity, statewide law enforcement initiative to decrease violence targeted on group and gang related gun violence in CT's major urban areas of Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven.</p>	

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	<p>Project Longevity has a basic strategy of intervention by directly interacting with former offenders with known group/gang association/affiliation in conjunction with positive community individuals/resources and law enforcement. Looking at innovative vehicles to get these individuals connected to resources like SBA and SCORE for those interested in starting their own businesses due to other barriers to these individuals to regular, gainful employment.</p> <p>Abdul-Rahmaan I. Muhammad- My People Clinical Services and their Fatherhood programs. The business has existed for 10 years and started out with a Father to Father initiative. The organization also has a female empowerment component. They provide individual and family therapy inside of the schools. MPCS also provides supportive housing services for DCF those male youths under 23 years of age and the Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction youths.</p>	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Approval of April 1, 2015 Minutes, Executive Committee Reports.	Moved by Commissioner Ike seconded by Commissioner Brown Approved
Chair Report	Chairman Alphonse Wright On Sunday May 3rd Judge Coefield Annual Law day given at the First Cathedral Church with a focus on the CT Second Chance Society initiative. The June 9 th Forum on CT Racial Profiling in Bridgeport has been tentatively scheduled.	
E.D. Report	Mr. Cassis stated that his report is a part of the packet. He highlighted the 2015 Classic Awards taking place in the LOB Atrium on Friday the 15 th . The ED asked that all commissioners be present by 6 pm as photos would be taken of award recipients. Reception would be from 6:30 pm to 7pm and the program would start at 7pm. Reviewed the mock-up of the program for the 2015 Classic Awards. Commission now has 18 Commissioners with a new appointment from Litchfield County by the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Duff. Byron Francis is the newest	E.D. Glenn Cassis and AAAC Legislative Analyst, Subira Gordon AAAC Information Officer Earl Bloodworth

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	<p>commissioner added to the AAAC.</p> <p>Discussed the second CT Racial Profiling Forum taking place on May 7th at CREC, 359 Washington ST.</p> <p>Earl Bloodworth Discussed the details of the second CT Racial Profiling Forum</p> <p>Discussed the rally taking place at the Capitol for education, the Hartford Mayoral debate, and both the House and Senate will be in session.</p> <p>ED Glenn Cassis discussed the recognition and plaque the AAAC received at the Fairfield Juneteeth Award Ceremony on April 11th in addition to an Ad we placed in the booklet.</p> <p>The budget is going through iterations and the AAAC is still in the budget with numbers coming out sometime next week. There was a Republican budget proposal advising the consolidation of the Commissions.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Commissioner Campbell on the Internal Affairs Committee discussed setting the date for the orientation session for 6 new AAAC Commissioners but the schedule was not working out to get everyone together on the same day.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell proposed to the Chairperson having the orientation occur on the last meeting date in June or during the summer. Commissioner Johnson discussed everyone getting in their donations for the Classic Awards Journal ad. Chairperson Wright emphasized the importance of making sure the speakers keep their talking points to three minutes and the time limit will be enforced. A list will be sent out for the speakers to Commissioner Johnson so she can notify them of the time limits.</p>	Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Campbell
Resolutions	N/A	
Old Business	N/A	

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New Business	<p>Inquiry as to when a CT Racial Profiling forum would be taking place in the Groton New London area? Earl Bloodworth stated the forum is going to be organized after follow up contact with the Mayor of Norwich office.</p> <p>Brief discussion on the April Commission meeting in April and the Multi-Commission meet and greet from March by Subira Gordon and Commissioner Campbell.</p>	<p>Chairperson Wright, L.A. Subira Gordon, AAAC I.O. Earl Bloodworth Commissioner Campbell</p>
Upcoming Events	<p>2015 Classic Awards, New Commissioner Orientation, Hartford CT Racial Profiling Forum, and next meeting June 17th.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 7:19 PM</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Ike and Seconded by Commissioner McBride.</p>

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by



Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for April 1, 2015
 Central Connecticut State University
 Good Year Room 322 ITBD/ Downtown Campus
 185 Main Street New Britain, CT

Present: Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Fields**, Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Ike**, Commissioner **Johnson**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Vermont** and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Ficklin**, and Commissioner **Pierre-Louis On Leave**: Commissioner **Tetty**

Staff in Attendance: AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn Cassis** and AAAC Legislative Analyst, **Subira Gordon**, AAAC Information Officer, **Earl Bloodworth**

Public: List of members of the public is attached

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Meeting called to order	6:20 pm Called to order	Chairman Alphonse Wright
Roll Call	13 Present, 5 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<p>Introductions to Commission meeting were conducted by CCSU President, Dr. Jack Miller.</p> <p>Chairman Wright introduced Central Connecticut State University President, Dr. Jack Miller. President Miller, CCSU acknowledged the partnership of CCSU and the AAAC. President Miller talked about the important work being produced by the AAAC and CCSU partnership like the CTRP3 reporting. President Miller discussed the increased rate of African-American enrollment in CCSU, that population's increased graduation rate, and success post-graduation. Discussed the first African-American graduate from a Connecticut institution of higher learning with a credentialed degree having graduated from CCSU.</p> <p>Kelt Cooper: Minority Graduation Rates</p> <p>Quyen Truong: Health Disparities in the African-American Community</p> <p>Helen Simpson: Homelessness</p> <p>High School minority graduation rates was discussed by New Britain Public School Superintendent of Schools, Kelt Cooper.</p> <p>There has been a 15% increase in graduation rates for</p>	Executive Director Glenn Cassis and Chairman Alphonse Wright addressed concerns

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	<p>African-Americans in New Britain from 2013 to 2014 by more efficiently utilizing budgets and targeting more at risk African-American youths. Even with this increased success there remains much work to be done along with an emphasis on FASFA assistance for New Britain high school African-American graduates. Also, President Miller said there is a need for increased focused on scholarship resources, PSAT test taking, and truancy reduction.</p> <p>Quyên Truong Health disparities Review and Evaluation Coordinator for the North Central Regional Mental Health Board Inc.</p> <p>Health disparities fit within the frame work of the undertakings of the AAAC. Recognized need to cater specifically to the needs of African-American's in the areas of health disparity and rate of uninsured African-Americans in the state of Connecticut and nationally. Quyên also discussed plans to hold community forum discussions for African-Americans on health disparities based on a grant received from Substance Abuse And Mental Health Administration. The community conversations will start in New Britain this summer in partnership with the federation of churches. Topics of discussion will be the Affordable Care Act, Mental Health, and health care coverage navigation.</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <p>Helen Simpson Executive Director, Friendship Service Center of New Britain</p> <p>Friendship center housed 364 people last year, 57 or 16% were Black 169, 46% were White, and 138 or 38% were Hispanic. Housing data shows that 21 adults reside in Arch St housing 5 were Black, 8 were White, and 8 were Hispanic.</p>	

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	<p>Helen also discussed FSCNB's path program that reaches out to people living on the street or in abandoned buildings trying to bring them in and provide services. 30% were Black, 45% were White, 20% were Hispanic, and 5% were Asian. Helen stated that the suspension and arrest rates of young Black males may contribute to a lower rate of homelessness in the African-American population as well as mass incarceration being a byproduct of racial profiling in CT. Full recorded text of discussion is available upon request</p>	
<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Approval of March 4th 2015 Minutes, Executive Committee Reports.</p> <p>Executive Director Glenn Cassis discussed budget and possible budget cost cutting measures and possible future cuts. All agencies had budget reduction for FY15 per Governor Malloy budget reduction. Employees of AAAC have elected to take some furlough days.</p> <p>Chairman Wright discussed March 4th, meeting notes correction in regards to resolutions discussed. Chair does not move or second any motions. Meeting notes not officially approved at the time so there was time for corrections to be made.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Ike Approved</p>
<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>Chairman Alphonse Wright asked if there were any questions regarding report that was sent prior to the meeting and there were none.</p>	
<p>E.D. Report</p>	<p>Mr. Cassis reported that the release of the Racial Profiling Report is slated on April 7th. It was presented at CCSU and the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) for Chiefs of Police. Advised that report does not state any particular town has racists' cops, but notes that evidence of racial</p>	<p>E.D. Glenn Cassis, Subira Gordon and AAAC Information Officer Earl Bloodworth</p>

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	<p>profiling does exist in several towns.</p> <p>Discussed bills the AAAC is working on in the legislature. There is concern for oversight on police department militarization and that policy may not be amended.</p> <p>Juneteeth Celebration recognizing the AAAC April 11th by Fairfield County Juneteeth Committee. The AAAC will be a recipient of a Juneteeth recognition award. George Mintz, 2014 AAAC Man of the Year recipient is interested in having the AAAC be more recognized in Fairfield County.</p> <p>Question from Commissioner DelGado regarding awareness campaign on the CTRP3. Commissioner DelGado also suggested to have the Commissioners involved in the forums in some capacity.</p> <p>Earl Bloodworth discussed the upcoming forums on the CTRP3 with first forum taking place in New Haven on April 13th. Multiple forums will be reproduced in Hartford, Bridgeport, New London/Norwich and Waterbury.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Commissioner McBride spoke for Commissioner Campbell's suggestion to have new Commissioner orientation on May 6th. Chairman Wright said issue will be discussed during the AAAC's executive meeting.</p> <p>Legislative Analyst, Subira Gordon discussed having various commissioners participate in reaching out to their local representatives and senators based on the various committees in conjunction with various initiatives and policy being pushed in the LOB.</p> <p>Commissioner Johnson discussed Classic Awards about following up on phone call list for sponsorship for the Classic Awards Journal. Commissioner Wright urged all commissioners to make their telephone calls.</p>	

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	<p>Commissioner Johnson stated that a form letter could be used to reach out to possible sponsors from each commissioner's lists.</p> <p>Action taken to pick up some of the slack where one or two commissioners could not complete the calls on their lists. But it is imperative that the as many commissioners complete their own list as possible so all of the work does not fall on just one or two of the commissioners.</p> <p>Chairman Wright requested \$25 from each commissioner for the AAAC ad. Payments accepted tonight or sent to the Executive Director.</p> <p>Commissioner Hugley discussed the keynote speaker for the Classic Awards. Commissioners Hugley and Ficklin both have recommended Dr. Khailia Dean-Brown. She is looking for direction on topic or subject matter. Commissioner Hugley looking to have correspondence on official letter head. Commissioner Hugley advised to send draft to executive director for review and it will then be sent out after review and approval.</p> <p>Executive Director, Glenn Cassis stated that IO, Earl Bloodworth was a possibility to MC Classic Awards. Keith Koontz suggested as MC for the Classic Awards event.</p> <p>Chairman Wright wants decision for Keynote and MC decided upon by the 15th and the Executive Director be made aware of the final decision.</p> <p>Committee Chair for Classic Awards is in agreement with the suggestions for keynote and MC for Classic Awards.</p> <p>Chair asked all commissioners to make sure the office has correct email addresses.</p>	

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Absent: Commissioner **Harris** and Commissioner **Hugley**

On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**

Staff in Attendance: AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn Cassis** and AAAC Legislative Analyst, **Subira Gordon**, AAAC Information Officer, **Earl Bloodworth**

Public: **Nate Scott and Gerald Toney**

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Meeting called to order	6:04 pm Called to order	Chairman Alphonse Wright
Roll Call	15 Present, 2 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Nate Scott- Wanted to speak well about the AAAC and dispute an Op-Ed in the Hartford Courant disparaging the AAAC and other CT Commissions. The Op-Ed specifically singled out the AAAC. Mr. Scott was concerned about the funding of the AAAC and the future of its existence with things occurring like they have in Ferguson, MO. And thanked the commission for its work.	Executive Director Glenn Cassis and Chairman Alphonse Wright addressed concerns

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Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Approval of Feb 4 th 2015 Minutes, Executive Committee Reports.	Moved by Commissioner Ike , seconded by Commissioner Canterbury Approved
Chair Report	Chairman Alphonse Wright advised visited North End Elementary School and read to 1 st graders in New Britain.	
E.D. Report	<p>Mr. Cassis stated that his report is a part of the packet. He highlighted that there would be changes in the budget due to the \$100 million dollar deficit for FY2015. Advised that there is no surplus in the Personal Service Account of the AAAC. \$400.00 in the ONE account and considerations were made and will be discussed on the 19th of March and where additional cuts/reductions will occur for FY2016 and FY2016. ED advised of report dropped in January about the Personal Services Account is \$600.00 in the red.</p> <p>Approval of Feb 4th 2015 Minutes approved. AAAC Legislative Analyst Subira Gordon discussed AAACs Legislative Agenda discussed: Housing Bills moving, Mobility counseling, School Based arrests, suspension and expulsion, Working with Dept. Economic Development to expand Small Business Express. Working with Labor Committee on expanding FMLA insurance to include paid FMLA. Second Chance legislation for youth offenders.</p> <p>Inquiry about partnership with either Black Attorney or Black Judges association from Commissioner Delgado. Commissioner Canterbury asked about tracking the outcomes or reporting on the outcomes of the bills we are working on pushing. AAAC Information Officer Earl Bloodworth discussed the completion of the Jan. 2015 and Feb. 2015 AAAC Newsletters, setting up social media on YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, and an updated AAAC website.</p>	<p>E.D. Glenn Cassis and Commissioner via Phone what we are going to need moving forward with such severe deficits. AAAC Legislative Analyst, Subira Gordon AAAC Information Officer Earl Bloodworth</p>

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Committee Reports	<p>Commissioner Campbell on the Internal Affairs Commissioner discussed setting the date for the 6 new AAAC Commissioners orientations on either 3/19 or 3/20, getting reports regularly from other Commissioner Committees on their community activities and disseminating AAAC collateral so our constituents are aware of what is going on with the AAAC, and the Multi-Commission meet and greet. Discussed the social gathering due to take place in April that was moved to June and finding a creative way to complete that function even in the current budget crisis. Packets with the Nominations were disseminated and delivered back Wednesday, March 11, 2015 per Denise Drummond. Once material is returned the selected candidates for the Classic Awards to take out ad space, but that will be a small percentage. All commissioners and the Classic Award Committee are needed in completing the list that was sent out for possible sponsors to raise funds for the scholarship. The Classic Award Booklet cannot be sent to print without having sponsor checks in hand. Clarification on who is doing what regarding fundraising for the Classic Awards. Commissioner Ficklin was asked about Public Relations materials for the Multi-Commission meet and greet and advised to follow up with Commissioner Campbell.</p>	
Resolutions	<p>Resolution 182 AAAC meeting at CSCU ITBD Campus at 185 Main ST in New Britain and 183 Discussed the Multi-Commission taking place on March 25th in the Old Judiciary room.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Ike Second by Commissioner Fields</p> <p>Moved by Commissioner Ike Second by Commissioner Darity</p>
Old Business	<p>Commissioner Campbell inquired about bringing/donating food or funds for light refreshments for the Multi-Commission event.</p>	<p>Commissioner Campbell</p>
New Business	<p>New Commissioners Robert Ike and Robert Fields were welcomed. Glenn advised Commissioners regarding their testimonies for the appropriations committee hearings and the talking points drafted by Earl Bloodworth. Commissioner</p>	

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	Delgado reached out to Attn. Don Tutson of Litchfield County about joining the AAAC as a Commissioner. Attn. advised that he would do it but was not sure of the time he could commit to the position. Also, Attn. Tutson stated he would also be happy to recommend other possible candidates for the seat. Commissioner Delgado also asked about setting up ad-hoc student advisory boards to form a better connections with Millennials.	
Upcoming Events	Multi-Commission Meet and Greet March 25th	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:17 PM	Moved by Commissioner Canterbury and Seconded by Commissioner DelGado .

Respectfully Submitted

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Absent: Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **McBride** and Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**

On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**

Staff in Attendance: AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn Cassis**, AAAC Legislative Analyst, **Subira Gordon** and **Earl Bloodworth**, AAAC Information Officer

Public: Bernard Thomas, Aaron Wilson, Nat Scott and Ainstya Charlton

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Meeting called to order	6:08 pm Called to order	Commissioner Wright
Roll Call	9 Present, 4 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Aaron Wilson from Hartford spoke on an issue concerning how he was treated by a police officer on December 4, 2013 after a motor vehicle accident. He had a hearing at the US Superior Court in Dec. 2014. He filed a complaint with Hartford Police and nothing has been done to with the officer. He did not file with CHRO. His case was nolle prosequied. He was advised to inform the NAACP legal and CHRO. Mr. Wilson feels he was treated badly because of his race.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Minutes for January 7 , 2015 meeting, Executive Dir. Report, Chairman's report Mr. Cassis informed the Commission that an additional \$3,100 was reduced by the Governor. Cuts were made in staff by reducing the hours of new Information Officer by 5 hours a week. The OE account is very low and we may need to encumbered expenses by commissioners. Any larger expenses may result in furlough for staff. Corrections were made to the January minutes.	Moved by Commissioner Canterbury , seconded by Commissioner DelGado Approved

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Chair Report	Chairman Wright asked all committee chairs to submit reports prior to meetings. There were no questions asked of the Chair's written report.	Commissioner Wright
E.D. Report	The Executive Director introduced Earl Bloodworth and his mentioned his activities. Subira Gordon spoke about legislative activities in education (cultural competency, chronic absenteeism, mentoring), labor, housing, second chance initiative, housing mobility counseling, for profit colleges, and about 40 other bills are being watched. Commissioner Hugley asked about transportation issues in urban areas. The AAAC does not have any specific transportation issue on its list of priorities and Mr. Hugley was asked to contact Ms. Gordon to discuss. Mr. Cassis mentioned action taken for appointments to commission and Black History Month on February 18. Several follow-up questions were asked and it was recommended that commissioners receive the tools to track bills.	Executive Director Cassis
Committee Reports	Commissioner Campbell gave the Internal Affairs Committee reported. The April AAAC meeting will be held in New Britain. Meet and Greet to be hosted by the AAAC. on 25 th at the Capitol. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Classic Awards . She has sent material to groups and asked her committee members to contact her if they do not know their assignments. All commissioners were asked to contribute to sponsoring a page.	
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Commissioner Campbell mentioned the city of Hartford and the new stadium. Mr. Nat Scott spoke on his opposition to the new stadium in Hartford and his concerns with the lack of restroom facilities on the CT Fast Track.	

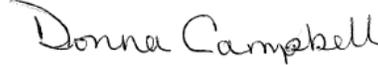
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	<p>Commissioner Canterbury asked about the Commission's position on free community colleges in CT. Ms. Gordon mentioned there would be a study done on it. He also suggested that Dr. Williams from Harvard be asked to speak on health disparities.</p> <p>Commissioner Hugley asked about the measles in CT. It is not an issue in CT because CT has strict laws for vaccination. It was suggested that a link to DPH be put on our website.</p>	
Upcoming Events	Congresswoman Esty will have Black History program in Waterbury on Feb. 6. BPR Caucus reception for Black Ministers.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:51 PM	Moved by Commissioner DelGado and Seconded by Commissioner Canterbury .

Respectfully Submitted



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Absent: Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**



On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**
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Public: **Earl Bloodworth, Cherell Banks, Victoria Christgau, Pastor James Lane and Emerald Scott**

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Meeting called to order	6:06 pm Called to order	Commissioner Wright
Roll Call	11 Present, 2 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Victoria Christgau provided an overview of her organization, the Nonviolence Leadership Institute and the work they're doing. She asked about collaborating with the AAAC. She discussed an upcoming program called Nonviolence in a Time of Civil Unrest: A Conversation with Legendary Civil Rights Leader Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr. Date: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m. Location: Downtown Library Listen as the civil rights strategist who worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks to the issues of ongoing conflict throughout the country, and discusses peaceful approaches to reconciliation. The event is free and open to the public. This Black History Month event is a part of the MLK Nonviolence Leadership Institute Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation Training, presented in partnership with the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence and the City of Hartford Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation. Pastor James Lane discussed and attested to the Kingian philosophy impact in reducing violence.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Spending plan for remaining budget, budget increase and hiring of additional staff member. The minutes for the December meeting were corrected to include Commissioner Harris as attending the meeting.	Moved by Commissioner Canterbury , seconded by Commissioner McBride Approved
Chair Report	No formal Chair report. Chairman Wright thanked former Chairman Pierre Louis. Commissioner Wright passed baton to Chair Classic Award Ceremony to Stephanie Johnson.	Commissioner Wright

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	<p>She will no longer be on committee, but running the entire event. Discussed Commission Committees. Welcomed new Officers, Vice Chair, Commissioner Canterbury, Sec., Commissioner Campbell, and Treasurer Commissioner Jones. The Chair asked the Committee Chairs to have their written reports ready and submitted to the ED to be included in the meeting packet that is distributed prior to the monthly meeting. The Chairs can then provide an update report during the Commission meeting.</p>	
E.D. Report	<p>College Goal Sunday being held on Saturday in Bridgeport and New Haven and 13 other sites throughout CT. Targeted to help with completion of FASFA. In process of hiring Information Officer for Commission looking to have decision wrapped up within the week. Amistad Committee representation regarding event taking place on the 22nd of Jan. at the New Haven Museum regarding presentation on Prudence Crandall by Donald Williams at 6 p.m. Ebola campaign goal to raise \$100K by the City of New Haven for Sierra Leone ending this January culminating with a Jazz presentation at the 9th Note in New Haven on the 25th. Tickets are \$25 per person. West Haven Black Coalition Feb. 28th annual event, more information is forthcoming. First day of session. The Governor addressed a joint session of the General Assembly and highlighted his transportation infrastructure agenda.</p>	Executive Director Cassis
Committee Reports	<p>Executive Committee - Rescheduling of the holiday gathering to June around last meeting of the session. The pinning of Commissioner Brown was postponed (she attended meeting via phone). Classic Awards Committee - Suggested that a Caribbean dance troupe from Hartford be a part of the ceremony. Commissioner Johnson looking for any suggestions and/or help with the Classic Awards. Internal Affairs Committee - reported on Meet and Greet to be hosted by the AAAC. Considering March 15th or 25th at</p>	

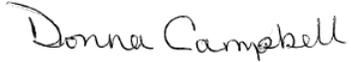
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	the Capitol with the 5 other Commissions. Chair and Executive Dir. speak briefly about their agenda 2015 Suggest having Commissioners provide a report on events and activities they've had with their constituents. Offsite meeting proposals for April meeting in New Britain and October meeting in Stamford. No update for Public Relations . Extend invite to Ethnic Media for Commission Meet and Greet. Commissioner Ficklin's inquiry into the branding exposure of the AAAC for the work that the Commission is doing and events we are participating in and or sponsoring.	
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Annual CHRO MLK Day Event at the State Capitol (Jan. 19) Let Freedom Ring, Gary Rhule being honored with the Humanitarian Award and two Honorees Dr. K Dean- Brown and Dr. Wendy Sandberg ((from New Haven) MC'd by Commissioner Hugley. Commissioner Jones was invited to be a guest speaker for MLK event in Groton at St. Johns Christian Church.	
Upcoming Events	Invite to the other commissions to Meet and Greet on March 18th or the 25 th with follow up for the next meeting.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:30 PM	Moved by Commissioner Canterbury and Seconded by Commissioner Johnson .

Respectfully Submitted



 Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by



 Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date

