

## **Social Service Human Relations Board**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB), January 26, 2017**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Vice-President Blake called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were members Hyman, Sorensen, Hastings, Jenks, and Youngblood. Absent was member Chilcott.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the special meetings of November 29, 2016, and December 1, 2016, were approved as presented. M/S Jenks/Hyman Unanimous

#### **3. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **3.-A WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER Sherice Youngblood**

Vice-President Blake introduced new member Sherice Youngblood to the Board, welcomed her to the Board, and invited her to tell the board about herself.

Member Youngblood shared that she worked in San Francisco-based Social Services programs for almost twenty years, and, this past October, joined Abode Services in Fremont, as its Director of Social Services. She added that she has two sons, Shariff 18 and Shamil 14, and a daughter, Siyah, who is 10. She's happy to have been selected and looks forward to serving on the Board.

##### **3.-B NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

Member Sorensen nominated Vice-President Blake as President, and member Hyman as Vice-President. Member Hastings seconded the nominations, and both nominees accepted the nominations.

##### **3.-C WORK GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS**

Member Hyman shared that the Human Relations Workgroup (HRW) met on Friday, January 13, 2017, to develop a strategy to follow up on recommendations and suggestions the Board received from the public at its November meeting, and forwarded to the Council in a letter on December 12, 2016. Given the scope of the recommendations, the HRW decided to create a taskforce made up of community leaders and stakeholders already working on some of the areas of concern.

Suggested priorities for the taskforce would be to improve ways that our community communicates with each other and updates each other with newsworthy community events, either through social media or through local TV, and engage disenfranchised communities, including the Muslim community, so that these community members are included in community events and are invited to participate.

Vice-President Blake shared that the Assessment and Awareness Workgroup (AAW) has completed its Draft of the 2017 Community Needs Survey. The AAW will now make presentations to the Commission on Disability Issues, Alameda Health District Board, and Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families co-chairs, to solicit their input regarding edits or additions they feel would improve the effectiveness of the survey. Once the AAW has reviewed and added community stakeholder suggestions to the survey, they will make a presentation to the Board for its comments and suggestions. Plans are to have the survey completed in May and launched in August or early September.

**BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA - NONE**

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM  
M/S Sorensen / Blake Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jim Franz, Secretary