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Date: September 20th 2017	Maricopa Human Rights Committee Draft Minutes
Committee Members Present: Scott Gormley, Chair; Jack Potts, M.D.; Joy Green-via telephone; Holly Gieszl - Esq.; Jim Dunn, Lisa St. George, Deb Jorgensen, Josh Mozel – Esq.	
Non-Committee Members Present: Yisel Sanchez; AHCCCS; Dana Hearn, AHCCCS; Troy Chester, MMIC;	
Other Attendees: Anna Branson, Arizona Center for Disability Law; Senator Nancy Barto;	
Committee Members Absent: Charles Sullivan; Jim Ward	
Next Meeting: October 18 th , 2017	
Approved: _____, Chairperson	
Attachments: Scott Gormley letter dated 09/15/2017 to AHCCCS	

Item	Discussion	Follow-Up/Action	Person(s) Responsible for Follow Up	Target Completion Date
Call to Order and Introductions	Chair, Scott Gormley calls meeting to order at 5:04. Roll call, quorum present.			
Approval of Minutes for June 21, 2017	Minutes tabled until all members have time to review.	Scott will send meeting minutes to the committee for review.	HRC	By October meeting

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	Executive Session minutes reflect a vote that should not have occurred in executive session.	Committee will make a motion in regular meeting to vote in new members: St. George, Mozell, and Ward.		
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comments 			
Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short statement by Scott regarding challenges recently as to membership by AHCCCS • In August, Scott had a Conference call with Dana and Beth to discuss issue of “missing” or “lost” appointment letters for 3 members. He was unaware that AHCCCS attorney, was on the call; Mr. Honig should have announced himself. • Scott stated that Dr. Potts has been on committee 10 years and Holly and Joy 6-7 years. It is disappointing that AHCCCS has raised this issue of active membership. • In July meeting, the committee worked diligently to appoint Lisa St. George, Josh Mozell, Jim Ward. • Scott read aloud for the record and to be attached to the minutes a letter he wrote to AHCCCS on 9-15-17. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August meeting was canceled because, after Scott sent the Agenda to Yisel for posting, AHCCCS Attorney Greg Honig, changed the agenda, added restrictions and conditions to our meeting which Scott regarded as unfair and unethical. • The committee is still trying to work collaboratively with AHCCCS to resolve the membership issues. • In lieu of collaboration, AHCCCS has raised another challenges by requesting additional information from Dr. Potts, Joy Green and Holly Gieszl that has never been asked of any other member of any HRC previously. • There is no question that these individuals whose membership is being questioned, are in fact members. The Committee needs to move forward. 			
Committee Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee minutes for Executive Session did not reflect that the Committee came back into Public Session to vote on new members. • Committee now will vote in Public Session so there is no question regarding the following members approved by the committee to be on the Maricopa Human 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept Jim Ward, Lisa St. George, and Josh Mozell as committee members by Dr. Potts, seconded by Holly Gieszl. All members vote in favor. 		

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	<p>Rights Committee – Jim Ward, Lisa St. George, and Josh Mozell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott notes that he did not send executive session meeting minutes to committee for review. • Confidentiality agreements – requesting hard copies versus links provided since AHCCCS confidentiality agreement notes hard copy of Revised Statute and Arizona Code. • Per Scott, AHCCCS brought to his attention that there was a statement in meeting minutes in 2016 regarding Dr. Potts not being appointed to the Committee.. • Dr. Potts notes that the minutes reflected that he stated that he was not appointed; he clarified that statement was inaccurate. The committee missed the inaccuracy when reviewed and approved. The Committee agrees that the minutes are in error. • Dr. Potts noted the Committee previously voted to have minutes in real time as other boards and committees use, and REN has capabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott will send meeting minutes to the committee. • Scott did not sign his copy of the agreement • Dr. Potts makes a motion to change December 2016 minutes, Josh seconded motion to reconsider, all members voted in favor. • Change requested as follows: Replace current statement about Dr. Pott’s membership with - Nomination to HRC was initially objected to by DBHS but upon direction of the chair, DBHS/DHS approved/agreed/confirmed appointment to the HRC. Unanimous vote to approve the correction to 	<p>Scott Gormley</p> <p>Yisel Sanchez</p> <p>Yisel</p> <p>Yisel to change December 2016 with edits requested by committee. Committee to approve edits.</p>	<p>Within next couple days (9/22/2017) 9/21/2017</p> <p>Hard copy of Statute and code provided to Scott 9/21/2017.</p> <p>9/25/17</p> <p>10/18/17</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is the high priority, do not want to be challenged when under membership minimum requirement. • Deb notes that a lot of time is spent discussing minutes, etc. • Discussions of pending membership and buckets of people – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bucket A- thank you however, we do not believe it's a good fit at this time (Yisel not copied on those emails) ○ Bucket B – we would love for potential members to attend and be considered ○ Bucket C – moved forward • Scott Gormley emailed Lynette Tolliver regarding committee membership / she is 	<p>the December meeting minutes. Motion by Jack – Holly seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Potts asks real time meeting minutes be revisited at a future meeting. • Committee suggests reaching out, calling and or emailing potential members. <p>Place on future agenda for discussion</p>	<p>Josh Mozell, will chair subcommittee</p>	

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	<p>interested but confusion related to meetings planned / canceled and timing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott has not distributed to the committee members the nominations forms received from Yisel that were sent to Scott upon receipt. Meetings canceled and continual push-back by AHCCCS has delayed the documents • Lisa St George stated if we have to chase potential members down and beg them to come, it is a concern on their interest • Josh reports he has 3-4 people that would be great additions • Scott emphasized the need to have parents of children. • Holly feels strongly that the Committee needs members that are getting services. Many of her contacts are in jail or prison and could not serve. • Other committee members discussed using site visits to see who can possibly be engaged. • Holly noted that Senator Barto is recruiting members. • Discussion about regulation which precludes members who are employed by or contracted with AHCCCS serving as 			

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	<p>voting members. This limitation is a concern to members appointed and not told</p> <p>Dr. Potts suggested speaking at forums. Focus on statutory requirements. Dr. Potts also noted they could talk to probation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim D. notes needing voting members. Jim reviewed that people on the committee have lived experience. Jim suggested looking at peers; some examples of options given include forensic peer supports. • Scott asked to get on NAMI calendar of events. • Lisa suggested MMIC monthly meeting (Dr. Potts clarified this is the forum he discussed). • Recommendation to start a subcommittee on recruitment. Dr. Potts made a motion to have a subcommittee for membership recruiting, Josh seconded. Josh, Jim, Lisa, Scott voted; motion passed. Set subcommittee for 9-27-17 at 3:30pm • Discussed possibly adding law enforcement component. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Dunn will follow up on NAMI calendar of events. • Josh Mozell will take the lead. Josh will send email to everyone. Name: Membership Recruiting 	<p>Jim Dunn</p> <p>Josh Mozell</p>	<p>10/18/2017</p> <p>9/27/2017 @ 3:30PM</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome guests – Anna Branson, ACDL and AZ State Senator Nancy Barto,. Anna spoke to challenges of parents getting here due to time and being with child –Dr. Potts pointed out that we have come a long way with technological ways to attend telephonically. Holly suggested the Committee try to accommodate the parent’s needs. 			
Current Business:	<p>SITE VISITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy and Dr. Potts made site visits in early August and will report next month. Committee will get back on site visit task for second Wed. of the month. Committee not sure, if they got 8/25 deliverable. Yisel noted it was sent. Dana reported next one is due to go out on 9/25. Deb and Jim offered to do site visits. Josh asked about other projects – better job of trying to capture activities in quarterly report. <p>TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee requests that all new members to get links to HRC related information/trainings. 	<p>Joy and Dr. Potts to report on site visits</p> <p>Send deliverable as scheduled 9/25/17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott to send Josh the strategic plan Yisel will send links to all new members. 	<p>Joy and Jack</p> <p>Yisel</p>	<p>October meeting 10-18-17</p> <p>9-25-17</p> <p>By 10-18-17</p> <p>By 9-25-17</p>

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	<p>BYLAWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws adopted by the Committee in November of 2016 still need revisions. Holly noted the document title needs to be called “Operating Guidelines” per the current statute. • Committee notes its priorities are membership and then bylaws/operating guidelines <p>Committee’s Attention to Detail and Follow-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly noted the importance that the Committee pay close attention to detail in its business and records. Holly was embarrassed when Greg Honig asked her for a copy of her appointment letter and asked why she and the Committee did not keep a copy.. Holly wishes she had followed-up with Yisel to be sure copies were sent and saved. Scott noted this is not the individual member’s or the committee’s responsibility. <p>AHCCCS QM Process. Jim discussed QM process at AHCCCS he is aware of for system monitoring.</p>			

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Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna reports she is works on issues of abuse and neglect and hopes to be more consistent in attending these meetings. • Senator Barto notes that she has heard that there are problems in tracking grievances. • Lisa discussed that people are afraid to people to file grievance because of potential retaliation. 			
Future Agenda Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievance process. • Vote for a Secretary • Josh will take the lead to work with others on Committee to revise the bylaws. Dr. Pots notes that changing the Bylaws requires two weeks' notice to the committee • Holly noted that time is short to draft, review, and finalize the Annual Report by early January per the Statute. She noted the importance of careful review prior to finalizing the report. • Senator Barto noted importance of having the Report by early January. 	Scott to include the following topics on October agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines/Bylaws • Grievance Process • 3rd Quarter Report/annual report 	Scott Gormley	October 11 th 2017

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This would require committee vote in December. Have 1st and 2nd quarter report. 3rd quarter note done but is highly pertinent. 			
NEXT MEETING	Date: October 18 th 2017 5:00PM-7:00PM 212 E. Osborn Road, Phoenix 85012			