

Cuyahoga County Equity Commission Meeting  
 March 18, 2021 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
 Virtual Zoom Meeting  
 MINUTES

Cuyahoga County Equity Commission		
Last Name	First Name	Agency
Drucker	Jesse	Human Resources
Lockett	Lenora	Procurement and Diversity
Carter	Ted	Development
Merriman	David	Health and Human Services
Pellom	Alex	Public Safety and Justice Services
Guests		
Budish	Armond	Count Executive
Morales	Cari	Development
Hovmand	Peter	Case Western
Carroll	Matt	Count Executive Administration
Harris	Leon	Health and Human Services
Roberts	Sabrina	Health and Human Services
Harris	Leon	Health and Human Services
Tkachyk	Catherine	Department of Innovation
Daniels	Marisha	Communications

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order – Director Ted Cater, Co-chair
  - a. Review & Approval of Minutes
    - Director Merriman makes motion to approve minutes
    - Opening remarks from Executive Budish
      - o We will be missing Director Carter, but I asking about who will be stepping up in organizing meetings
    - Ms. Morales will still be here working with both co-chairs and Paul Herdeg will be taking Director Carter’s role on the Equity Commission.
    - Executive Budish: CEA and building trades meeting with Executive Budish regarding the equity department ordinance and questioning the stats shown in the disparity study is scheduled for March
    - Director Carter accepted a position to be Deputy Director of Economic Development for the City of Baltimore.
      - o RFP was issued last Monday 3/15 (original goal was March 31<sup>st</sup>)
      - o HHS and DoD are engaging teams in dialogue focusing on Racial Equity and Inclusion
      - o Wants to ensure the public has access to the report on the county site: [cuyahogacounty.us/fightracism](http://cuyahogacounty.us/fightracism)

- Director Pellom: Talking about how he's been welcoming dialogue in his department and acknowledges the situation in Georgia. Reminds the commission of the importance of our work.
- Director Merriman HHS has released an RFP. One of the most successful programs at HHS
  - o Crystal Bryant will be leaving to join the NAACP
- Director Lockett thanks Director Carter for his leadership on moving the Equity Report forward and congratulates him on the next career move.
- III. Systems Presentation – Dr. Peter Hovmand
  - Mr. Harris: How can we make sure we water down the systems conversation in a way that would make sense to the community?
  - Director Carter: Has this presented in a grassroots setting?
  - **Slideshow: CACE Systems Mapping**
- IV. RFP Discussion
  - a. Timeline
    - *Discussed in Section II of the agenda*

Closing Remarks:

- Director Carter: RFP and metrics being finalized with working group
- Director Merriman: DHHS will be hiring a Director – Office of Re-entry and will be posting job description soon
- Director Pellom: Vaccinations are available by calling 211 and is encouraging folks to sign up. Wants to ensure residents in Cuyahoga County connect to the opportunity of getting vaccinated.
- Mr. Harris: find out about more information regarding the COVID vaccine at <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>
- V. Adjourn