

Denver Immigrant & Refugee Commission
Wednesday, July 26, 2017
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
1373 Grant Street, Denver CO

Present: Victoria Aguilar, Jamie Torres, Jennifer Gueddiche, Fran Campbell, Chiara Subhas, Florian Ezui, Diana Higuera, Nadeen Ibrahim, Priscilla Fredrickson, Asbi Mizer, Pilar Castro-Reino, Grazyna Lewkowicz, Marcela Mendoza

Guests: Abi Al Kabbani (CAO), Nermina Muzkanovic from Rep DeGette's Office, Amy Obee from the community. Chris Martinez- HCRP. Grace Lopez Ramirez, Office of Special events.

Farewell from Florian- he is moving to Virginia but will be here for the Diversity Awards

Presentation

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Tasked with increasing communication within city and Mayor's office through commissions.

Seeking to develop a process to improve 2-way communications. More than 2000 appointees across the city. We are first commission they visit. (of the Ten commissions total under HCRP).

Questions asked:

What is your role as a commissioner

What is your role with regards to communication

What information do you currently receive?

How do you receive it?

What are your preferred methods?

What do you do with the info you receive?

What kind of support would you need to be more productive with the info you receive?

How can we track the feedback?

How can this process be improved?

Hate Crime Forum

Purpose: Clarity around what hate crimes are, who to report to and how to report. What happens after it is reported?

45 minutes of conversation moderated by Anti defamation league to set tone, provide definitions. Discussion of new Denver hate crimes law, then Q&A.

Four commissions are supporting this: Disability Rights, LGBTQ, Asian Pacific Islander and African American Commissions.

Please ask for interpretation in advance and encourage attendance.

Recruitment

Potentially 7 seats open. Committee established but we also have some current applications.