

Racial Equity (REQ) Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 || 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

[Recording of Zoom Meeting](#). The chat is below the minutes.

Attendance:

Member	Area of Representation	Present
Angela Upshaw, Co-Chair	Veterans	A*
Ardy Akhzari, Co-Chair	Sacramento	P
Bishop Chris Baker	South Sacramento	A
Crystal Sanchez	Sacramento	A
Dawn Basciano	Sacramento	A
Deborah Hicks	Mental Health Services for Children & Adolescents, Medi-Cal, Special Needs	P
Deisy Madrigal	Homelessness Prevention, AB12 & TAY Housing Provider	P
Elizabeth Elliott	Pomo & Maidu Federally Recognized Tribal Members	A
Emily Zelaya	Opening Doors, Inc., Program Manager	A
Fatemeh Martinez	Sacramento	P
Karisa Hyppolite	Sacramento	P
Kazoua Heu	Sacramento County, Underserved Southeast Asians, Hispanics, Whites	P
Lorena Solorio	Sacramento	A

Quinn Jones-Hylton	Sacramento	P
Samantha Earnshaw	Northern California, Youth, Families, Single Homeless, Disabilities	P
Shalinee Hunter	Sacramento and Statewide	A*
Stephanie Thompson	Sacramento	A
Tiffany Glass	Elk Grove, Sacramento County	A
Viola Wells	South Sacramento	A
Zuri K. Colbert	Sacramento County, Under-Resourced Neighborhoods - BIPOC focused	A

*Informed SSF staff of their absence before the meeting.

SSF Staff	SSF Title
Ayanna McGee	Program Director, Systems of Care Integration
Anthony Robinson	Racial Equity Specialist
Carissa Theis	Survivor System Analyst
Glenn Merker	HMIS Specialist
Jesse Archer	CoC Analyst
Kaylin Jones	CoC Project Coordinator
Michelle Charlton	CoC Coordinator
Michelle Reedus	CE Manager
Sarah Fletcher	Communications Specialist

Guests

ACAC1,Alexis Rose, Asya Anderson, Cristina Navarro,darrell.jefferson, Devin Strecker, Dulce Delgadillo Santiste,eharris,Guadalupe Rosas, Haimanot Ashenafi, jamar.smith, Jasmine P., Kim Ritchie, lashanyabreazell,Mark Lucas, pbrookins, Ray Kemp, Shannen Padilla,Sarah's iPhone, Staycee and Chena, Theresa's iPhone, Tia Johnson, 15624538789

Agenda Item	Presenter(s):	Time	Item Type
<p>I. Welcome and grounding into the space</p> <p>Opener: What are some systemic or structural barriers that hinder racial equity in our community, and how can we address them?</p> <p>Land Acknowledgement Community Guidelines</p>	<p>Ardy Akhzari, REQC Co-Chairs</p>	<p>9:00 AM (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Anthony started the meeting at 9:08. He posed the opener to the group and a committee guest read the Land Acknowledgement and Community Guidelines.</p> <p>Comments in the chat and on the recording</p>			
<p>II. “Spotlight on Equity”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted-Ed on the history of Juneteenth 	<p>Anthony Robinson, SSF, Racial Equity Specialist</p>	<p>9:05 AM (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Anthony shared a video to acknowledge Juneteenth and it’s historical context entitled What is Juneteenth. -Juneteenth events were held last weekend June 17-19, 2023</p>			

III. Approval 5/17/23 Meeting Minutes	Ardy Akhzari	9:20 AM (5 minutes)	Action
Quorum wasn't met, will review next month			
IV. Announcements (Upcoming Events & Recent Actions)	Ardy Akhzari REQC Members, & Guests	9:25 AM (10 minutes)	Informational & Discussion
<p>Elica Mobile Health care clinic moves to first step communities during the week to set up and provide services to the community</p> <p>Wellness without wheels now provides vaccinations</p> <p>LSS is hiring for CalAIM positions with a focus on ones with lived expertise</p> <p>Please see the chat and recording for more information</p>			
V. One Year PLE Cohort Review	Tanesha Travis, SSF, PLE Coordinator	9:35 AM (15 minutes)	Informational
Tanesha shared the background to forming the Persons with Lived Expertise cohort, why and how the cohort was formed and upcoming items the cohort intends to do.			
VI. Racial Equity Training Series Update	Anthony Robinson	9:50 AM (5 minutes)	Informational & Discussion
Anthony gave a recap of what he spoke about last month. He's planning asynchronous training for the group. He showed the platform from last month and the new platform he recently found and opened the floor for discussion. He is looking to have launch dates soon and is working hard on building effective trainings for the group.			

Please see the recording and chat for more information.			
VIII. YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project) Update	Jesse Archer, SSF, CoC Analyst	9:55 AM (5 minutes)	Informational
<p>Jesse shared the projects that were funded by the Youth Action Board through the YHDP funds.</p> <p>Questions and comments please see the chat and recording</p>			
<p>IX. Meeting Adjourned 10:56 am Next REQC Meeting is Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 (9:00am to 11:00 am) Potential Topics to Cover: Workplan, Racial Equity Action Workplan,</p>			

REQC Meeting Chat:

09:00:30 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Hello all! Here is todays meeting agenda:
<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/REQC-Agenda-6.21.23-3.pdf>

09:00:52 From Quinn Jones-Hylton to Everyone: Good morning!

09:00:57 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Reacted to "Good morning!" with 👍

09:01:01 From eharris to Everyone: Good morning!

09:01:07 From Shannen Padilla, MHC to Everyone: good morning

09:01:18 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Reacted to "good morning" with 👍

09:01:27 From Glenn Merker to Everyone: officially summer

09:01:42 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Reacted to "officially summer" with 🎉

09:02:41 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Hello all! Here is today's meeting agenda:

<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/REQC-Agenda-6.21.23-3.pdf>

09:10:22 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Opener: What are some systemic or structural barriers that hinder racial equity in our community, and how can we address them?

09:13:19 From Kim Ritchie - SHELTER, Inc. (She/Her) to Everyone: Antioch police.... Police in general

09:14:17 From Deisy Madrigal, She/Her to Everyone: there's a lot of systems that need reform in our community that contribute to racial inequity.

09:18:42 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Sacramento Steps

09:27:29 From Michelle Charlton (She/Her) CoC Coordinator, SSF to Everyone: The 2023 CoC Annual Meeting is planned to take place next month. Stay tuned for more details to come and will be posted on the CoC meeting webpage: <https://sacramentostepsforward.org/continuum-of-care-meetings/>

09:27:39 From Michelle Charlton (She/Her) CoC Coordinator, SSF to Everyone: The 2023 CoC Calendar of Actions is live. Explore the 2023 CoC actions by visiting the webpage here: <https://sacramentostepsforward.org/2023-coc-coa/>

09:28:19 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: At the June 2023 CoC Board meeting, the CoC Board approved the extension of CoC Committee terms to the end of the year. The term extensions were made to keep members' terms current while staff and the governance committee complete changes to the committee appointment processes this year. Access the memo here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b671d111-452a-3a22-8ff6-386bf5ca45d9>

09:28:43 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: 12/31/2023 terms expire

09:33:10 From Samantha E, LSS, she/her... to Everyone: Searnshaw@lssnorcal.org: Cal-Aim positions open. Lived Experience welcomed

09:35:59 From Cristina Navarro to Everyone: <https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/SexualHealthPromotionUnit/Pages/Wellness-Without-Walls-W3.aspx>

09:41:20 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: ttravis@sacstepsforward.org please email her with any questions

09:42:50 From Tanesha Travis, PLE Coordinator SSF to Everyone: It's my honor and privalage. Thank you

09:42:59 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Reacted to "It's my honor and pr..." with ❤️

09:46:13 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Everyone: Reacted to "It's my honor and pr..." with ❤️

09:46:21 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Amazing work Anthony!!!!

09:46:39 From ACAC1 to Everyone: Reacted to: "Amazing work Anthony..." with 👍

09:47:31 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Anthony's email for any questions: arobinson@sacstepsforward.org

09:47:32 From Ayanna McGee (she/hers) - Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: Exciting work!

09:47:58 From Tanesha Travis, PLE Coordinator SSF to Everyone: awesome!

09:47:59 From Anthony Robinson to Everyone: Reacted to "awesome!" with 👍

09:48:03 From Anthony Robinson to Everyone: Reacted to "Exciting work!" with 👍

09:48:37 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: To learn more about YHDP please visit

<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/youth-homelessness-demonstration-project/>

09:50:53 From Sacramento Steps Forward to Everyone: with any questions on YHDP please feel free to email Jesse at jarcher@sacstepsforward.org

09:53:57 From Fatemah Martinez to Everyone: have a great day