

Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Approved January 10th, 2025

December 20th, 2024
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Meeting ID: 230 352 635 879

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Members present: Mia Schultz (NAACP), Andrew Laing, Breanna Sheehan (VCNAA)
Reverend Mark Hughes (VRJA), Will Lambek (Migrant Justice)

Members absent: AALV Inc., Outright Vermont

Guests present: Laura Carter (DRJS), Tiffany Reid (DRJS), Xusana Davis (ORE), Grace Ahmed (VRJA), Pat Autilio (VRJA)

WELCOME

1. Member and Guest Introductions

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Mark added an agenda item to discuss the Council's upcoming annual report. This was added to the agenda under Old Business after the Update from the Division of Racial Justice Statistics.

3. Approve November 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Minutes must still be compiled. They will be prepared for and voted on at the Council's January meeting.

4. Intention, Goal, or Priority Setting

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update from the Division of Racial Justice Statistics

Tiffany provided an in-depth presentation on the key efforts and goals of the Division of Racial Justice Statistics over the past year with a focus on making data resources more accessible and developing tools for lawmakers and advocates to support data driven policy decisions. Highlights include an online resource hub, data dashboard, data and policy reports both locally and nationally, and the Division's Early Childhood Initiative. Discussion ensued about the Division's priorities and prioritization process, and there was a question about data sources that was tabled for another meeting.

2. Annual Report

Xusana shared an overview of the requirements for the Council's annual report due in January. Discussion ensued around how the Council could use their report to support the work that is ongoing given that the Council is still getting up to speed. The Council shared their interest in engaging with specific issues and projects and changing the frequency or length of meetings in order to provide more in-depth insights and feedback. Breanna agreed to meet with the Division before the next meeting to draft priorities which the Council could develop subcommittees for at their January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to time constraints, all agenda items under New Business had to be tabled for a future meeting.

- 1. Public Body Status Determination**
- 2. Agenda Setting**
- 3. Council Appointees**
- 4. Announcements/Upcoming Events**

DISCUSSION

Due to time constraints, none of the following questions were discussed.

- 1. In VT's criminal legal system, what's changed in the last decade? What hasn't?**
- 2. In VT's data management system, what's changed in the last decade? What hasn't?**
- 3. What does success look like for this Council?**
- 4. What are the most effective ways to support DRJS?**
- 5. What pitfalls should we avoid?**
- 6. How has intersectionality shown itself in VT's criminal legal and/or data systems?**

CLOSING

1. Final Thoughts

None.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Meeting Adjourn at 4:07