**CAHV Meeting Minutes for September 2023**

***Mission Statement:*** ***The Montgomery County Committee Against Hate/Violence works to eradicate acts of hate and intimidation through community education, advocacy, collaboration, and legislation.***

**Meeting Date and Time**: WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Via Zoom Meeting**

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Who** | **Time** | **Action** |
|  | Call meeting to order | Lisa Taylor | 7:00 p.m. | Opening |
|  | Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes | Craig Simon | 7:05 p.m. | Still being drafted and will provided shortly. Will vote on September minutes at the next weeting. |
|  | Montgomery County Police Report   * CAHV Outreach in Wake of Antisemitic Flyer Distribution in Gaithersburg * Policing by Drones | Captain Satinsky | 7:05 p.m. | Request that a key developed for the report? Yes. One case Anti-Hispanic on 8/23, what is the status? The officer will apply for charges.  8/22 – Anti-Jewish incident. Any updates? This is Bullis School and the state police received a phone call that they planted bombs unless they received $30K? The police searched the campus and found no bombs. Also, called the Lake Forest Mall a week before and determined that it was from the same phone number.  Kate: We are seeing this happen targeting houses of worship and know that the ADL is tracking this as well. The person is likely on site to visit. But we are advising people to shut down their live stream to limit viewing opportunity. This happened to a large Mosque in DC as well.  This starts off a misdemeanor but can evolve to terroristic acts if there is evidence of terrorism.  We discussed the partnership fund and reminded the police that they should notify victims.  Captain Satinsky also provided background information on the use of drone in law enforcement. |
|  | Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center: Stop Anti-Asian Hate Campaign | Vivian Adkins | 7:25 p.m. | Ms. Adkins talk about the rise of anti-Asian hate in wake of the COVID pandemic. She also talked about the reticence to report being victims of anti-hate. They have a report line and wants CAHV to assist with getting the word out. We discussed how to report incidences of hate/violence with reporting to police or the Office of Human Rights  AA Lead – a student group in MCPS and they said they experience alienation and harassed online. |
|  | Anti-Hate Task Force as Led By Council Member Evan Glass   * Motion to make Hate/violence Crimes a felony (from July Meeting) | Lisa Taylor  OHR | 7:45 p.m. | Lisa discussed the actions of the task force to date, including the Jewish Cohort’s presentation, the scheduled Anti-hate task force meetings for 9/18-9/21 and possible partnering with Hoboken, New Jersey. |
|  | Friendship Picnic | Lisa Taylor  Craig Simon  OHR | 7:55 p.m. | Entertainment: We are good with Lance Smith, Rise Band, awaiting 8 ball deluxe. Don’t have Ocho De Bastos. Looking for another Latin Music or PanLera. OHR has a call with black rock.  Blue Street Productions. The Stage will be put in Saturday night or Sunday by 9 am  Don’t have the train house but have the train and the carousel. Will have inflatables, face painting, balloon twisting, clowns for this event. Will not have the reptile house because of the Jewish holiday. Will not have the puppet show this year because he wanted to be inside.  Food: We have Tovah (Kosher – will stay with us around 3:30 and will have staff left behind who are not Jewish); Seafood truck will be doing fish and crabcakes, Halal dishes and vegetarian offerings. Trying to get some one with more Latin dishes. Also looking for a vegan and Asian vendor.  Working through procurement process to allow this to be done.  Ride on bus is ready to go with satellite parking at the ice rink.  Full support with police department. Full support from park police; fire and rescue services.  Park will be fully staffed. Recommend we have parking support at 11:30 am in order to pre-empt parking issues.  Signage? Signs will be printed out. Hoping Karen has those on file.  Human Rights Commission? Lisa will send the same invite to William and Anis.  SSL? Anis.  Pre-release? Lisa draft request submission. Anis.  Dignitaries invitation? Invites will be sent on 9/13.  Map of the site? Anis will reach out to Eder again.  TV crew for the picnic? A means of advertisement. Also since this is our 10th anniversary maybe we can get some county support. Sue can send a letter for the crew. Director Stowe will follow up.  Table for How to Report Hate Crime populated by OHR folks? Director Stowe said that he will bring his own table.  Director Stowe will call Dr. Bridger to discuss food inspection requirements and problems that have happened in the past.  Masks should be provided. OHR said that 70+, group and nursing homes are having issues.  Point in the program on the stage with a presentation. No place for hate in our county and let them know that there is a table available.  Director Stowe suggests that we meet with the park staff. Want to get permission to park at the Middle School from Greg E. Also, want to share the flyer. |
|  | 3rd CAHV Conversation Panel Discussion on “Montgomery County Hate/Bias/Violence incidents against Faith-Based Organizations | Richard Allen | 8:50 p.m. | This topic was tabled for October meeting due to time constraints. |
|  | Pending Matters   * Training * Rapid Response Team * Secretary * Asian Pacific American * Facebook/Twitter * virtual Tour to Auschwitz * Hate Speech in Maryland Court Room * An FYI Letter on “Hate” by Montgomery County Executive-Marc Elrich * Developing CAHV training presentation for FBI-Baltimore Office federal “Hate Crimes” Annual Meeting * MD Task Force: Commission on Hate Crimes Response Post DOJ Grant | Lisa Taylor | 8:55 p.m. | Announcement: 8:30 -4:00 on 9/19 Montgomery College, Germantown – Presentation for States Attorney. Open but must register. <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYufuqrrz4vEt33hePetgZNM3AxgiJgJF98#/registration> |
| 9. | Adjourn meeting | Craig Simon | 9:00 p.m. | Next meeting –  October 11, 2023 |

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From Sue Stolov to Everyone 07:06 PM

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/Resources/Files/Bias-Summaries/2023/August%20Bias%20Summary.pdf>

From Jeff Innocenti to Everyone 07:10 PM

[Jeffrey.innocenti@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.innocenti@montgomerycountymd.gov)

From Sue Stolov to Everyone 07:11 PM

Thank you. Glad to have you joining us!

From Pablo Blank - CASA- to Everyone 07:13 PM

Sorry for being late. I have just arrived from York, PA.

From Craig Simon to Everyone 07:14 PM

Happy to have you! Glad you're back from all of your travels

From Kate Chance to Everyone 07:15 PM

We are seeing a trend in bomb threats nationwide with houses of worship

There's a trend for selecting houses of worship that are live streaming their services

From Sue Stolov to Everyone 07:21 PM

here is some more information about what is happening:

sorry what I am trying to send is too large...

From Lisa to Everyone 07:29 PM

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights/outreach/partnership.html>

From Pablo Blank - CASA- to Everyone 07:36 PM

slow thinking.... I wonder if we would need to change the name of the Partnership Fund, to make it more real. Probably "MoCo's Hate Relief Fund"? A more real name would help us to communicate its existence.

From Sam Dey to Everyone 07:48 PM

Hello everyone 👋🏽 Sorry I'm late.

I've been very sick over the last 2+ months with several hospitalizations etc. Just a few says ago I was discharged from the hospital, but only after they implanted a Pacemaker (connected to my transplanted heart. I'm blessed & lucky for sure. 🙏 After losing 70lbs due to fluid buildup .. .. here I am again. I may have 9 or more lives. 🙏 I'm sorry I've been useless to this committee for so long.It's so good to see you all. Thank you so much for being here; @Vivian.

From Sue Stolov to Everyone 07:49 PM

We are so glad you are here Sam.

From Sam Dey to Everyone 07:49 PM

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From Femi Richards to Everyone 07:51 PM

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From Sam Dey to Everyone 07:53 PM

I would suggest that Vivian should probably finish her presentations and take q&a after ?

Good points , @Pablo...good to see you!

From Pablo Blank - CASA- to Everyone 07:56 PM

Sam, great to see you again too. I am glad you are enjoying your home and family again.

From Craig Simon to Everyone 07:56 PM

@Sam Dey, it is so great to see you and to hear that you're on the mend!

From Sam Dey to Everyone 07:56 PM

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From Richard W. Allen to Everyone 07:57 PM

Vivian, please share a copy of this power-point with the CAHV. Thanks

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From Femi Richards to Everyone 08:12 PM

So sorry Sam

From Rachel Breslin to Everyone 08:12 PM

I think we have to consider the ways in which we engage with different groups. I suspect that part of the problem is that we expect minority groups to engage in the same ways instead of envisioning something different for different communities.

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:16 PM

Thanks Femi. It's been a very bad few months.

Pls share the link for the recording, @Sue. Thanks! Good to see you!

From Kate Chance to Everyone 08:16 PM

attending cohort meetings is a great way to show up for other communities! : )

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:17 PM

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From Sue Stolov to Everyone 08:17 PM

Link to register for the Muslim presentation at the Task Force meeting next week: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYufuqrrz4vEt33hePetgZNM3AxgiJgJF98#/registration>

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:21 PM

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Thanks, Sue!

So happy to hear that the FP Is on again!! 👍

Q: is there an opportunity for me to share some brochures etc to raise awareness for Organ donation - ethnic communities a lot of tunes aren't informed etc.

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:30 PM

Just a reminder: not to scare people, but we wouldn't want this event to be a 'super spreader'. I know first hand/ that the hospitals are once again filling up & I know many 'normal' people (i.e. not vulnerable like me or elderly & those living with other comordities are getting COVID (entire families are once again getting infected etc). So, I suggest having masks available for people who need/want one. It would be nice to add a one liner on the flyer to simple say "masks will be available). Flu + RSV is also out there.

Thank you.

From Gabrielle Zwi to Everyone 08:33 PM

^ Hi yes I agree with as someone who currently actively has COVID :)

From Sue Stolov to Everyone 08:34 PM

Feel better Gabrielle

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:34 PM

So sorry to hear @Gabrielle Zwi

From Craig Simon to Everyone 08:34 PM

@Gabrielle, hope you have a full and speedy recovery.

From Gabrielle Zwi to Everyone 08:41 PM

Thank you!!

I still have the footage I got from last year’s picnic

If anyone has use for it

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:47 PM

Excellent points, @Sue!! Thank you in advance @ Dir. Stowe. 👍

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:53 PM

I will hopefully be there too this year.. of course, double masked!

From Femi Richards to Everyone 08:53 PM

Are we still wearing the bright green shirts? Do we have any extras?

From Stephanie Troyer (she/her), Legal Aid to Everyone 08:56 PM

I think I can get a fair number of kids from my sons and their friends too!

From Sam Dey to Everyone 08:56 PM

I didn't look at the flyer closely....is there a QR code? We could even point that Qr code to the brochure eveb

From Sue Stolov to Everyone 08:57 PM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K0cILn2aao>

From Rachel Breslin to Everyone 08:59 PM

Anis, I can take for action the task to notify the HRC about volunteering. Can you send me the flyer that was just referenced as well?

From Sue Stolov to Everyone 09:02 PM

Sorry, did we say we are meeting next week to talk abot the picnic and what day? I am not good at doing 2 things at once and missed what we decided.

From Stephanie Troyer (she/her), Legal Aid to Everyone 09:04 PM

Wow!

Go, Craig!

From Sam Dey to Everyone 09:04 PM

Good luck @Craig Simon !!