



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Saturday, January 15, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
South Austin Recreation Center
1100 Cumberland Rd. Austin, TX 78704**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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Lisa Scheps, Vice Chair
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNUAL RETREAT WORK SESSION AGENDA

1. HRC Hearings Process

Education /Training to Commissioners

2. Bylaws - Sexual Orientation and Identity

To Address Austin's non-discrimination categories and move forward on using the City of Austin's non-discrimination categories list. (Commissioners Brenner/Scheps)

3. IAHOHRA Conference Issues

Organization Issues (Scheps/Cortez)

OLD BUSINESS ISSUES FROM 2010.

Goals from 2010 annual work session:

1. Encourage homeless shelters and short term/crisis accommodations providers to establish an appropriate number of beds that adequately reflects the percentage of homeless, single women in Austin. Educate City Council for the need to establish suitable short-term crisis accommodations to meet the needs of all peoples regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
2. Explore what means exist to encourage local developers to fully engage in providing affordable housing options for working poor (200% of federal poverty level) families living in Austin.
3. IAHOHRA – Conference preparation for 2011 Conference
4. Youth Court Discussion and planning involving and educating the community

5. Human Rights Commission - bylaws and protected classes.
6. Transgender Issues discussion from last year's goals on this item.
7. UHNA - Group Home Task Force on group homes for the elderly and disabled-do we want to follow up with the Chair on what's been going with this issue.
8. Community Leadership and relationships Initiative for Youth (CLARIFY) and Community for Youth-working with this group to promote community youth justice, school community partnership, careers for all students, community health for Youth
9. Members of the Texas Moratorium Network/ Members of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty

NEW BUSINESS ISSUES FOR 2011

1. Discussion/decision and planning on all the items above to include any new issues identified on the day of the work-session.

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For more information on the Human Rights Commission, please contact Yamile M. Ortiz, at 974-3250.