



City of Hampton, VA

Meeting Minutes

Citizens' Engagement Advisory and Review Commission

**Attendance:** Michele E. Benson, Crystal Carrington, Alice Callahan, Will Moffett, Leroy Foster Jr., Shannon D. Freeman (Vice Chair), Dewain Alexander II, Jim Williams Michele Riddick Hamilton, Sanket Acharya (CEARC Community Liaison), Councilwoman Chris Snead

**Absent:** Shawn O'Keefe (Chair), Corey Palmer, Debbie Hudgins, Dr. Ahmed K. Noor, Ryan Taylor, Charlene Johnson

**Staff:** Latiesha Handie (Executive Director), Imara G. Diaz (Program Coordinator), Steven D. Bond (ACM)

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**Date:** January 14, 2020 **Time:** 6:30pm **Venue:** Ruppert-Sargent Building, Veterans Conference Room, 1 Franklin St., Hampton, VA

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**Call to Order:** Latiesha D. Handie, Executive Director called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

**Roll Call:** Imara Diaz, Program Coordinator

**Action Items**

Item 1: Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes-May 14, 2019. Motion to approve was made by Shannon Freeman (Vice Chair) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Moffett

Item 2: Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes-November 19, 2019. Motion to approve was made by Shannon Freeman (Vice Chair) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Moffett

**New Business**

*Item 1:* Invitation to participate in Marketplace Talks

Marketplace Talks: is a conversation series over a meal that allows citizens to discuss current events that are impacting our local, national, and international communities. Topics include issues that may create temporary discomfort for long term understanding as it relates to privilege, violence, and mental health in our society. Latiesha Handie stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> conversation – “What’s Behind the Rise of Youth Suicide” will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Sentara Careplex Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn why these topics are relevant and find out how they can connect to available resources to promote the flourishing and sustainability of our community to continue the conversation. Latiesha encouraged all CEARC members who wish to participate, to sign

up quickly as we have made provisions for 60 registrants. For more information on upcoming conversations, please visit [www.hampton.gov/unity](http://www.hampton.gov/unity)

*Item 2: Debrief – Samoan Circle Training*

The following instructions were provided as a guide to help facilitate the Samoan Circle/Fishbowl Conversation:

There are three ways to join the conversation:

- Inner circle – for speaking
  - Outer Circle – for listening
  - Que seats– for individuals waiting to join the conversation
1. The discussion flow will begin with:
    - *A brief introduction of the 4 professionals*
    - *Following this introduction, professional participants will join the talk from the queue.*
    - *When entering the inner circle we ask that speakers announce their name and affiliation or general interest in today's conversation.*
    - *One chair will be kept empty to allow audience participation. It is available for whoever wants to join the conversation.*
    - *If all seats are full we have 3 Que seats where persons will wait to join the talk*
      - *When someone sits in the empty chair, someone else (typically the one either sitting longer or less involved in the current conversation) has to leave, vacating one chair.*
      - *Your facilitator will stand to the right hand side of someone in the inner circle which will be the que for that person to exit the conversation*
  2. The Outer Circle is for:

*Participants who are not sitting in the fishbowl cannot get involved in the conversation. They are listeners. If they would like to join, they have to sit in a que chair and wait to be asked to join.*
  3. After the introductions, the moderator will read a couple of scenarios to begin the next round of conversation. Once the conversation fizzles a new scenario will be introduced for discussion
  4. We will switch topics whenever appropriate. It can be time-boxed or changed whenever it runs out of conversation.

- Latiesha Handie, Executive Director introduced the following professional partners to help guide the Samoan Circle dialogue:
  - Assistant Chief Orrin Gallop, HPD
  - Synethia White, Office of Youth and Young Adult Opportunities
  - Tyrone George, Victim Witness-RESET
  - Ted Roesse - FBI

### **Training**

*Item 1: Addressing Gun Violence in the Community and Local Gang Activity*

*Item 2: Diversity 101- deferred to next meeting*

### **Announcements**

**Call meetings:** In the event that a crisis or other significant incident occurs a special call meeting will be scheduled by the City Manager or the CUC Executive Director.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.