

CWAC RACIAL EQUITY MEETING MINUTES

Department of Children & Family Services
CWAC Racial Equity

Date of Meeting: 01/24/2024
Meeting Facilitator: Dagené Brown

Time: 10am – 11:30am
Location: WebEx

1. Attendees

Name(s)

Dagené Brown (Co-chair)	Chandler Mattison-Farris	Lourdes Rodriguez	Dr. Tiffany Johnson
Jasmine Mobley (Co-chair)	Jere Murry	Shawnise Newton	Mari Christopherson
Wendy Ingersoll	Sylvia Fonseca	Tanya McGhee	
Yeni Rojas	Beatriz Valdez	Misty Huff	

2. Meeting Objective/Agenda

CWAC RE Meeting

3. Attachments & Handouts

Description



RE Minutes
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RE Agenda
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[CWAC RE Meeting Link](#)

Dagené Brown

4. Meeting Summary & Minutes

1. Welcome

a. Roll call was completed via the participant list. Shawnise Newton (birth parent) is a new member and introduced herself to the committee.

b. Lourdes motion to approve December minutes. Yeni second the motion. No opposed. No abstentions.

2. Dagené provided the committee with updates on new business.

a. Dagené informed the committee of Bias Free Removal pilot progress. Dagené stated the Bias Free Removal Pilot is currently in pre-implementation phase. Williamson, DuPage, and Champaign counties will be part of the Bias Free Removal Pilot. The Bias Free Removal Pilot also contains an advisory board comprised of a multidisciplinary team, including lived experts. Dagené stated UIUC will be evaluating the pilot. Dagené opened the floor to questions about the pilot. Jere asked for clarification of the advisory board composition. Sylvia asked if advisory board/review team members would be trained. Dagené stated the review team will be trained. Dagené reviewed the process of the pilot.

b. Dagené provided updates on Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) grant.

c. Jasmine provided updates on the private co-chair. Dagené provided encouragement to the group due to Racial Equity space consistently achieving goal attainment and maintaining momentum towards change.

3. Dagené provided the committee with updates on old business. Dagené opened the floor for committee members and participants to volunteer for workgroups. Shawnise volunteered to join all three workgroups. Sylvia volunteered to participate in the Allegation #60 work group.

a. Dagené provided update on the Implicit Bias Campaign. Dagené stated the communications would like to know 5 things the audience will gain from the campaign, who is interested in acting (youth and professionals). Sylvia suggested connecting with

b. Dagené stated she will chair the Allegation #60 workgroup. Dagené stated she will send out communications to schedule meetings.

c. Dagené provided update on the race equity curriculum workgroup. Dagené announced that Tandra will chair the race equity curriculum workgroup.

4. New Member Recruitment: Dagené identified new members in the group. Dagené encouraged committee members to send names and contacts of people who are interested in Race Equity Work.

5. Dagené provided the committee with updates on new business. Dagené encouraged the committee to review ABA 606 resolution information prior to the next meeting to have an open discussion.

6. Dagené presented information from HB2914 2023 Disproportionality Report. Sylvia asked if the report cross-referenced resources available in the different areas. Lourdes stated one variable to consider is refugee status and children who enter care without families to reunify to.

7. Lyman Legters opened discussion about Allegation #60 nationwide. Lyman will provide the committee with resources to review, to include a policy analysis to review statutes and training for mandated reporters. Lyman informed the committee about Texas' language change in the legislature. Next meeting is scheduled for Mar 27th, 2024.

8. Meeting adjourned.