

CWAC RACIAL EQUITY MEETING MINUTES

Department of Children & Family Services
CWAC Racial Equity

Date of Meeting: 04/03/2024
Meeting Facilitator: Dagené Brown

Time: 10am – 11:30am
Location: WebEx

1. Attendees

Name(s)

Dagené Brown (Co-chair)	Chandler Mattison-Farris	Lourdes Rodriguez	Paula Truitt-Alohan
Jasmine Mobley (Co-chair)	Jere Murry	Shawnise Newton	Mari Christopherson
Evelyn Martinez	Sylvia Fonseca	Tanya McGhee	Cady Landa
Yeni Rojas	Beatriz Valdez	Joe Lopez	Keith Smith

2. Meeting Objective/Agenda

CWAC RE Meeting

3. Attachments & Handouts

Description	Prepared by
	Dagené Brown

SharePoint Link to meeting: Dagené Brown
[CWAC RE Meeting Link](#)

4. Meeting Summary & Minutes

1. Welcome
 - a. Roll call was completed in the chat.
 - b. Dagené began an ice breaker re: spring.
2. Dagené provided the committee with updates on new business.
 - a. Dagené informed the committee of an update from the chief justice announced prepetition representation only for Cook County. Ms. Newton asked if this was for the state or just for Cook County. Heather Dorsey answered and provided clarification surrounding the process.
3. Workgroup updates
 - a. Dagené provided an update on the Implicit Bias Campaign. DCFS placed a bid for PSA. Next steps are actors and creating a script. DCFS met with communications and identified an agency (Morelli Group) to create a script. Dagené posed the question to the committee, "after the PSA, then what?" One potential is directing to Racial Equity Assessment.
 - b. Dagené provided an update on Allegation #60 workgroup.
 - c. Yeni provided an update about the Race Equity Curriculum workgroup.
4. Dagené presented Bias Free Child Removal Pilot.
5. Public comments/questions. Mari asked about HB4781. Dagené provided information about the workgroup for HB4781.
6. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd, 2024.