

Cumberland County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Committee

July 19, 2022 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. in person @ Cumberland County Courthouse - Room 119

# DEI Advisory Committee Notes

### Attendance

Interim HR Director, Brian Haney

PIO/DEI Admin, Cheribeth Thomas

#### Members Present:

Al Florez, Alissa Brashear, Alvin Chestnut, Cynthia McKinley, Denise Schunk, Garry Crumpler, Hardin Brown, Kelly Moore, Mia Kaleiwahea-Perry, Ricky Hair, Telise Chavis, Timothy Middleton, Vincent Evans and Yaminah Vereen

#### Members Absent:

Ann Thomas, Ivonne Mendez, Jennifer Green, Megan McLaurin, Nora Armstrong, Sara Reyes, Terry Streets and Tye Vaught General Manager/Co-Convener, Vicki Evans

### Welcome

- Interim HR Director, Brian Haney, welcomed members back.
- New member, Yaminah Vereen, introduced herself to committee

# **General Discussion**

- Committee through consensus reviewed and approved the:
  - June 21, 2022, meeting notes
- Updates were provided on:
  - Chief Diversity Officer job was posted on Developmental Associates website on Monday, July 11 and will close Wednesday, August 10, it has been posted on county website and through a number of external sites:
    - ICMA
    - NFBPA
    - LGHN

- NBAA
- Regional to Virgina Cites
- a number of DE&I sites
- and a number of HR sites
- The goal is to have them on board by October.
- Update on Career Fair DEI will have a table, almost every department is
  - represented, have advertised on social media, radio campaigns
- $\circ$   $\;$  DEI Video- near completion will be finished by Career Fair
- $\circ$   $\;$  Assigned schedule for DEI table coverage at Career Fair  $\;$
- Brian Haney, HR Interim Director asked committee for any ideas they have for retention
  - Remote/flexible schedules
  - County day care center
  - Time in service pay
  - Bringing back longevity

Some notes about retention incentives and acquiring data seeing why folks are leaving -Trying to provide incentives that are just not monetary - Exit interviews are not conducted for everyone just those who request

- Initiative tracking sheet reviewed initiatives with committee, current volunteers assigned to carryout initiative recommendations and updated new volunteer committee members.
- Updates were provided on leadership academy
- Question about leadership not being aware of where DEI initiatives came from or how they were created. Committee members asked if we should provide an update to leadership team on a timely basis.

## Adjourned

• Meeting was adjourned.