



Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity



Information and Technology Sub- Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

5:30pm – Via Zoom

Members Present:

X Dan McCloud	X Lisa Marie Schultz, Co-Chair
X Theresa Koehler	X Sunny Pearson
X Jamiel Shelton (joined 5:50)	X Jessica McKean (joined 5:50)

Also present: Zayn Hashmi – Data Analyst, ICC Cradle to Career

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm by Lisamarie Schultz

2. Approval of Minutes

April 2023 minutes were approved at end of meeting, once we had a quorum

3. Informational Items and Reports

4. Discussion

LM – Discuss Springfield, IL Digital Equity Plan to see if there are things we can take from their work. Kathie Brown suggested they might speak to our subcommittee regarding outreach. LM will reach out to them.

DM – Has ICC reached out on grants for IT Accelerate/Good Jobs Grant

TK – Can provide status update for next meeting. David Bess is in charge of that.

DM – felt methods of outreach from Springfield would be helpful, TK agreed.

LM – Would any survey questions from the GPEDC's BB survey of August 2022 be useful in shaping some of our questions for the Steering Committee?

DM – Those folks have more knowledge of issues. Keep us from repeating work that's been done prior.
LM – Reiterated that these are questions to be asked of public in upcoming Listening Sessions to get qualitative info from the community about their lives/issues/needs, across all of Peoria County/City of Peoria.

LM – can we be more involved in the Illinois Office of Broadband listening sessions?

DM – need to stay in tune with what's going on – designate people to be at each meeting.
Suggested calendar set up for Important events.

Zayn H – Asked about building out a survey or what phase we're at in terms of timeline.

DM & LM – we've collected quantitative data we now need qualitative.

SP – Qualitative data will always make most effective persuasive impact.

GPEDC's survey wasn't representative – only 1300 homes surveyed.

ZH – only 400-600 individuals

SP – virtual/digital survey and paper exit survey to use at various meetings with public are necessary.

DM – need to find out what limitations/barriers were to survey. Use survey as resource for ideas/ask open ended questions.

JM – In Meeting with City, learned they are applying for a multi-million dollar grant to put fiber in 61605

TK – I3 applying for grant money

JM—they'll have to match part of it – Will invite Joe Dulin, City of Peoria Community Development Director, to our next meeting. City helping I3 write grant. Unused ARPA funds from Covid may be used.

LM – need to discuss in-person/hybrid/zoom meetings in future. Benefits to meeting in person

SP – add location question to survey for days/times, etc.

LM – grant questions sent to Melodi Green and Andre Allen. If we can get grants what should we look to do?

PC's for People/Directory of those in Peoria & Illinois working on BB & DE issues/

SP – build out trusted partners spreadsheet / see what trusted partners are working on.

JS – Comcast Cares Day – rehab areas/add broadband/donate computers. Comcast might be partner to provide to community centers, etc.

DM – Reach out to partners at areas it would be helpful.

LM – PC's for People need Financial Partner (maybe Corporate entity)

JS – Goodwill training classes. Create pamphlets/brochures to distribute lists of resources. Set up tables.

SP – meet with smaller agencies and develop outreach in this niche area

TK – to get computers from PC4P, they need to be signed up for ACP prior.

7. Adjournment

Adjourned meeting at 6:41 pm