Human Rights Commission  
Executive Secretary Report  
June 18, 2020

I. OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS CASE STATISTICS

May 2020

- Total Caseload 59
- Total Cases Under Investigation 53
- Total Cases Pending Closure – 7
- New Cases filed – 12
- Total Inquiries – 3
- Cases Closed – 3 (year to date is 30)

II. HATE-BIAS REPORT

- 4 HBI cases reported in May 2020
  - 2 Anti-Black
    - Suspect called victim’s daughter and friends a monkey
    - A Bible study was being conducted via Zoom. An unknown suspect entered the Zoom chat and stated, “look at all Niggers”
  - 1 Anti-Jewish
    - Victim was in a Zoom video conference when suspects disrupted the meeting to show pictures as Hitler saluting
  - Anti-Other
    - The reporting party found advised there was a white supremacy sticker on the back of a public stop sign. The officer removed the sticker

III. OHR COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, EVENTS & UPDATES

(Note: In wake of the COVID19 pandemic, many of our outreach activities, meetings and events for May were cancelled).

- Continue to host and participate in the COVE (Coalition Opposed to Violence and Extremism) meetings.

- **Bystander intervention & Cultural Awareness Virtual training** May 2nd – Howard County Chinese School – 30 participants (15 Students; 15 Adults) – Group consisted of leadership from the adult and student community connected to HCCS. This training focused on relevant cultural data, COVID bias (anti-Asian sentiments), and skills to honor the dignity of targeted individuals.
  - May 31st – Howard County Chinese School/HRC/Community members – 27 participants – Group consisted of HRC members, leadership from HCCS and community leaders in the Asian community. This training focused on relevant cultural data, COVID bias (anti-Asian sentiments), and skills to honor the dignity of targeted individuals.
- OHR Overview Presentation -
  - Description: This presentation is the first of 3 presentations in partnership with the 50+ center, focused on giving the audience an understanding of what our office is and how we serve them. There was also a bit more focus on “age” as a protected class and the things we can assist with pertaining to ageism.
  - Presenter: Chaunta Taylor, Community Outreach Coordinator
  - Date: May 26th, Tuesday
  - Time: 1:00 pm; 45 min for presentation 15 min for questions/discussion

- Youth in Conversation: Students group comprised students from HOCO high schools that meet twice a month to learn/practice effective communication skills, social emotional tools, and Facilitation skills. The group runs a podcast that aims to expand the conversation for those that can’t attend. Dates May 27th

- State of Black Howard County – Yolanda F. Sonnier presented about OHR, filing process, protected classes and answered questions from the community.

IV. JUNE 1st – 18th EVENTS

- June 2nd - Chinese America Parent Association (CAPA) Presentation – Leaning into Our Humanity

- June 2nd – Participated in the Black Lives Matter March and Protest

- June 9th – Cultural Awareness Training – 50+ Center

V. UPCOMING

- June 19th – Juneteenth Celebration with the 50+ Center facilitated by the Office of Human Rights

- June 22nd – Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Meeting

- June 23rd – Latinx Leaders Conference Call with County Executive

- June 24th – AAPI Leaders Conference Call with County Executive

- June 26th – IAOHRA Virtual Townhall – Human Rights in an Era of Uprisings and the Pandemic

- June 30th – LGBTQ Virtual Celebration/Townhall

- July 1st – MLK Holiday Commission Meeting