

Multicultural Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes
October 15, 2015

Present: Tom Uno, Eduardo Ortiz, Mercedes Avila, Christine Vining

Tom welcomed the members and provided a preliminary overview of the agenda for the meeting.

I. AUCD Blue Print

Tom asked to have feedback on the AUCD Blueprint to him by Monday, 10/19/15. The Board members discussed the improvements made on the Blueprint. This document and the resources provided could be helpful in improving systemic issues that impact individuals with disabilities from racial and ethnic communities across the country. Feedback on earlier versions have been integrated, and it is becoming a more user friendly resource. The Blueprint is a work in progress. Continued work in terms of time, energy and funding is needed to achieve a Blueprint as a final product. The Board indicated there is a need for a Blueprint to guide the network. Cultural and linguistic competence should be included in the document. Pictures on the website should be representative of diversity. The Board expressed appreciation for the work done by Dawn Rudolph and the diversity fellows.

II. Survey Results-next steps

Mercedes and Eduardo will present the survey results at the MCC Full meeting. There is a clear interest in involvement. Opportunities for collaboration should be explored particularly in training.

III. Diversity Data

Angela is waiting for data. In the past, Illa had helped with extracting data from NIRS. Corina will be working on accessing the data for Angela.

IV. Nomination/voting

The timeline for nominations is Friday, 10/30/15. Mercedes will send a reminder today and next week. The description in the profiles can be between 300-400 words. Mercedes will present the slate of officers and co-chairs at the next meeting.

V. AIDD Fellows

The Board members expressed a need for more information on what the fellows will be doing. They also welcomed the opportunity to connect with them in a teleconference call where they can learn about the background of MCC and its initiatives.

Eduardo has been involved with four AIDD conference calls this past year. He stated it ended in July. Tom will contact Paula to see if she or Aaron Bishop can provide a report at the MCC meeting.

VI. Developing conference agenda

- a. Christine Grosso will not be at the MCC meeting. Adriana Griffin will be taking her place.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Officers - Maria Avila
2. MCC Award – Eduardo Ortiz
3. Blueprint-MCC Executive Officers
4. Diversity Data-Angela Harnden
5. Survey-Eduardo Ortiz/Maria Avila
6. Training – Tracy Beard
7. AIDD Diversity Workgroup-Paula Sotnik
 - a. Fellows – Tanisha Clark

Next Meeting:

The Full MCC meeting will be held on November 15, 2015 at 12:30 pm EST. Note: Code is 5506750# and the number to call is 866-951-1151.