

Commission on Refugee & Immigrant Affairs

City of Hartford, CT

AGENDA | Regular Meeting (virtual) | 8 December 2020 | 6:15 – 7:30 PM |

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ATTENDANCE: Leticia Cotto (Co-Chair), Janet Bauer (Co-Chair), Michael Akpan (Treasurer), Indira Petoskey (commissioner), Reena Sen (City of Hartford Liaison), Constanza Segovia (guest), M. (guest), Y. (guest), Malika Buscaino (intern), Wendy Salto (intern)

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm

II. Minutes from November Regular Meeting were approved unofficially (no quorum)

III. A Motion was made to Change the Order of Business to open meeting with presentation by CRIA Interns on improving CRIA community communications.

IV. Old Business

- a) The CRIA 2020 Annual Report—suggestions were made to add additional information about the outcomes of some of our recommendations to the city in 2020. Letty will provide mre information and CRIA members will review additions.
- b) Proposed calendar of guest presentations to further develop CRIA Agenda 2021 themes (like Youth/Education; Domestic Violence in Immigrant Families; Noncitizen Voting; city agency to coordinate with stakeholders was approved by the commissioners. Janet will continue to confirm individual guests on these topics.
- c) Our Social Media Policy was approved and will be forwarded to the city.

V. New Business

- a) Intern Presentation on CRIA Outreach and Communication. Wendy Salto and Malika Buscaino gave a power point presentation with commentary from their focus group discussions with community organizations working with area refugees and immigrants. They found that these organizations were interested in participating in regular townhall style meetings in which they could share and discuss pressing challenges faced by Hartford's immigrants and refugees and that CRIA's current social media communication platforms were failing to capture many of these stakeholder audiences.

VI. CRIA Calendar

a) Commissioners gave final approval to the CRIA Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021 and it will be forwarded to Town Clerk

VII. Announcements

a) Everyone is invited to the Interns' final virtual presentation at Trinity College on Dec. 11

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.