

**To: Milwaukee County Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee**  
**From: Jason Rae, Chair, Human Rights Commission**  
**Re: Update on Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission**  
**Date: February 19, 2014**

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On behalf of the Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission, I am pleased to provide this update regarding our activities last year and our tentative activities for 2014.

In 2013, the Commission met six times on:

- January 16
- March 6
- May 8
- July 10
- October 9
- November 20

During our meetings, we have met with representatives of the Milwaukee County House of Corrections, including Superintendent Michael Hafemann, with Rick Ceschin to discuss County EEO participation, and with representatives of Community Business Development Partners. We've also invited outside groups to update the Commission on their work, including the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, the Community Health Navigation team at Children's Hospital, and the Human Trafficking Task Force.

In addition, the Commission served as a sponsor of the 2013 Human Rights Day program that took place at City Hall on December 10. We partnered with the City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission, the United Nations Association and others.

The Commission has met once in 2014 on January 21 where I was re-elected as Chair and Martha Love was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Commission.

We will be meeting on the following dates in 2014 (subject to change):

- March 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- May 20 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- July 15 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- September 16 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- November 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- December 10 - Human Rights Day Event

We have a number of topics we hope to address in 2014, including the foreclosure crisis, mental health issues, continuing to monitor the great improvements being made at House of Corrections, and other issues as they arise.

The Commission will also be holding a Community Forum on Tuesday, April 22 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Washington Park Senior Center to hear directly from Milwaukee County residents about their perspective on human rights issues in Milwaukee County. This forum will also give the Commission an opportunity to report out to the community what work we have done so far.

If you have any questions, please do not feel hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [raejason@yahoo.com](mailto:raejason@yahoo.com) or my cell phone at (715) 790-4334.