

**PIERCE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
COMMISSION ON REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS MEETING**

5:00 – 6:32 p.m.
December 4, 2023

Members: Alice Fong, Representing Pierce County Council District 6 – present
Camila Maturana, Representing Pierce County Council District 5 - present
Diana Bullen, Representing Pierce County Council District 2 - present
Erasmio Ruiz, Representing Pierce County Council District 3 - excused
George Conzuelo, Pierce County Council Representing Youth – present
Gloria Rodriguez, Pierce County Council Representing District 1 – absent
Jennifer Li Dotson, Pierce County Council Representing District 4 – present
Thierry Ruboneka, At Large Member – absent

Guests: None

Staff: Stefanie Love, Human Services Coordinator, Pierce County Human Services
Becki Foutz, Administrative Assistant, Pierce County Human Services

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TOPIC/ WHO	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order/Roll Call George Conzuelo	The meeting was called to order by George at 5:08 p.m. Roll was called per above; a quorum was present. An icebreaker activity was conducted.	Wel- come, all!
Approval of November Minutes George Conzuelo	Alice moved to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded. Vote was taken; none opposed.	The Novem- ber minutes were ap- proved.
Refugee & Immigrant Family Services RFP Stefanie Love	Pierce County will be releasing an RFP for supportive services for newly arrived refugee and immigrant families. One or two CRIA members are needed to read, review, and score applications and discuss them with other scorers, including Stefanie. We’re not sure how many proposals will be received; between six and 15 hours of commitment in the first few weeks of January is anticipated for this task. Diana will be available after January 4. Alice volunteered. George will be an alternate if Diana or Alice aren’t able to. Camila’s agency may be applying so she won’t be scoring this time. Commission members are welcome to share the link to the RFP once it’s published.	Thank you, Diana, Alice, and George!

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<p>Public Comment & Good of the Order George Conzuelo</p>	<p>No members of the public were in attendance.</p> <p>Alice announced that the Asia Pacific Cultural Center’s holding their Annual Lunar New Year celebration at the Tacoma Dome on Saturday, February 24. There’s an online application for a \$30 non-profit booth. George added that APCC’s also hosting a luau this month at Lincoln High School.</p> <p>Mi Centro is having a holiday posada on 12/16, 10:00 to 3:00. George will be going! Alice would like to join.</p> <div data-bbox="483 682 1162 1564" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Stefanie will apply for a booth at the Lunar New Year event.</p> <p>George will share the Luau and Posada info.</p> <p>Stefanie will add a community calendar to the CRIA website.</p>

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<p>Vision Statement Diana Bullen</p>	<p>Diana explained that the purpose of a Vision statement is to have a very concise goal. The Mission fulfills the Vision so they shouldn't be too different. George would like the Vision statement to be open-ended and overarching, perhaps with an annual theme that correlates with it.</p> <p>The group reviewed the potential Vision statements provided, both tonight and at the August meeting, whittled them down and wordsmithed to:</p> <p><i>Hand in hand, we create the joy of belonging!</i></p>	<p>The draft Vision statement will be shared with the entire Commission, and a vote will be taken at the January meeting.</p>
<p>Outreach Materials & Next Year's Calendar Stefanie Love</p>	<p>Stefanie will ask Kari to create a general CRIA flyer and rack cards to be translated into the top eight languages in Pierce County. Does anyone have any ideas for a look? Hand in hand graphic? Meeting schedule? The group suggested including a QR code to link to the CRIA website, Stefanie's contact information, interpreter information, and CRIA's Mission, Vision, and Values.</p> <p>The Commission must meet six times a year – does anyone want to have a specific "break month?" None indicated. Camila will be having a baby in March!! Which months would the group like to meet in person? Quarterly: February, May, July, and November. Stefanie's hoping to schedule the February meeting in person at Tacoma Community House. She's going to try to obtain funds for food at CRIA in 2024. Alice offered to write a letter if that would help. Yes, in January, please!</p> <p>George noted that Elections will need to take place sometime next year.</p>	<p>Stefanie will have Kari do a mockup flyer and card to share at the next meeting.</p> <p>Congratulations, Camila!</p> <p>Stefanie will contact TCH.</p> <p>Alice will draft a letter to help get a food budget.</p>

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Appreciation & Adjourn	Thanks to all for coming! The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.	Thanks to all – you are apprecia -ted!

The next CRIA meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8 at 5:00 via Zoom and in the SV Muckleshoot Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Becki Foutz
Administrative Assistant