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4. Equal Opportunity for Religious Organizations

(a) Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization, as set forth at, and subject to the protections and requirements of, this part and any applicable constitutional and statutory requirements, including 42 U.S.C. 2000bb *et seq.* USDA will not, in the selection of recipients, discriminate for or against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character, motives, or affiliation, or lack thereof, or on the basis of conduct that would not be considered grounds to favor or disfavor a similarly situated secular organization.

(b) A faith-based organization that participates in this program will retain its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in Federal law. Religious accommodations may also be sought under many of these religious freedom and conscience protection laws.

(c) A faith-based organization may not use direct Federal financial assistance from USDA to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and any other applicable requirements. An organization receiving Federal financial assistance also may not, in providing services funded by USDA, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.

Andrew Berke,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA Rural Development.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Briefing of the Utah Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of public briefing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that

the Utah Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual, public briefing via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. MT on Monday, July 8, 2024. The purpose of the briefing is to collect testimony on the topic, *The Civil Rights Implications of Disparate Outcomes in Utah's K-12 Education System*.

DATES: Monday, July 8, 2024, from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_CWEJ3euhQAGvZoRHxdQH-Q

Join by Phone (Audio Only): (833) 435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 161 817 7129

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at dbarreras@usccr.gov or (202) 656-8937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Liliana Schiller, Support Services Specialist, at lschiller@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to David Barreras at dbarreras@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via

www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Utah Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at lschiller@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Panelist Presentations & Committee Q&A
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Committee Business
- VI. Adjournment

Dated: June 14, 2024.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Briefing of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of public briefing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the North Carolina Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual, public briefing via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. ET on Friday, August 23, 2024. The purpose of this briefing is to hear testimony from impacted individuals on the topic, *Civil Rights and the Child Welfare System in North Carolina*.

DATES: Friday, August 23, 2024, from 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The briefing will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_GcFUteCBQQGE5KMnCrNjRA

Join by Phone (Audio Only): (833) 435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 160 374 0449

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victoria Moreno, Designated Federal Officer, at vmoreno@usccr.gov or (434) 515-0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the