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Hate Crime Advisory Working Group  
Attorney General’s Office - Chief Sealth Conference Room - Seattle, WA  

September 6, 2019

Members Present:

Members Absent:

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

- Bre Weider, hereinafter referred to as Chair, called the meeting of the Hate Crime Advisory Working Group to order at 9:10 AM at the Attorney General’s Office, Chief Sealth Conference Room in Seattle, Washington.
- Nine members were present in person and three members were on the phone at the beginning of the meeting. A quorum was established.

2. Agenda

- Chair presented the September 6, 2019 agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda.

3. Overview and Objectives

- Chair presented a summary of House Bill 1732, which established the Advisory Working Group, and reviewed the objectives the Advisory Working Group is tasked with addressing.
- Member Laurie Wood joined the meeting by phone.

4. Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act

- Nancy Krier, Senior Counsel at the Attorney General’s Office, delivered a training on the Open Public Meetings Act, codified in RCW 42.30, and the Public Records Act record retention requirements for the Advisory Working Group.

5. Proposed Charter

- Members read aloud the proposed Working Group Charter.
- Chair moved a motion to adopt the proposed Charter.
- Twelve voted to adopt, one abstained. Charter approved.
• In abstaining, Kurtis Robinson asked that the record reflect his objection to the lack of representation from the local Native American community on the Advisory Working Group.

6. Working Group Timeline, Meeting Schedule, and Structure

• Chair presented the proposed schedule of four Working Group meetings with work concluding July 1, 2020, when recommendations are due to the Legislature and Governor. There were no amendments to the proposed meeting schedule.
• Chair presented subcommittee procedures, roles, and responsibilities, encouraging members and other meeting participants to join a subcommittee.
• The subcommittees will review research and information provided by relevant stakeholders and report their findings and recommendations to the Working Group for consideration.

7. Discussion

• Meeting participants discussed the benefits of understanding the development of hate and how it manifests into hate crimes and incidents, while simultaneously protecting Working Group members and participants from hateful rhetoric.
• Participant Miri Cypers discussed the potential to engage rehabilitated extremists from organizations such as Life After Hate, rather than those who are currently involved with hate groups.

8. Hate Crimes Overview Presentation

• Miri Cypers of the Anti-Defamation League delivered a presentation illustrating national trends in hate crimes, local cases, and state law.

9. Subcommittee Breakout

• Meeting attendees broke into three subcommittees corresponding with the Advisory Group’s objectives: Public Awareness, Data Collection & Reporting, and Collaboration & Response.
• The small groups discussed what they know about the issue area now, promising practices to address the problem, additional information needed to better understand the issue and identify potential solutions, and suggestions for gathering information going forward.

10. Call to Close

• Chair called the meeting of the Hate Crime Advisory Working Group to close at 12:10 PM.