

# **DS-DEI** District Services Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

### May 12, 2015, Meeting Notes

	Members
	Present
Co-Chairs:	
Sue Rearic	Х
Wendy Corbin	Х
Members:	
Anne Krueger*	Х
Chris Tarman*	
Christine Yoshioka	Х
Dawn Heuft	Х
John Valencia*	
Nicole Conklin	
Tim Corcoran*	
District DEI Rep	

#### 1. Book Club Update

Wendy shared that the book club is reading an article in April entitled "Jewish Journalist Gets Hate on Video Tape as he strolls streets of Paris" and the club is reading the book Somebodies and Nobodies by Robert Fuller in May. The club has made an effort to make it a safe place for people to express their thoughts and opinions about the selections and there is no right or wrong perspective.

- 2. <u>DS-DEI April 17 Workshop: Fostering Inclusion in the Workplace</u> The committee discussed the number of RSVP's and the room set-up for the upcoming workshop.
- 3. National Military Appreciation Month

Since May is National Military Appreciation Month, the committee discussed ways to promote the month. It was decided that DS-DEI would sponsor a Military Appreciation Day and encourage everyone to wear camouflage or red, white and blue. The committee will send out an email to see if District Services has any veterans that would like to participate.

## 4. Report from DEI Council

Anne reported that the discussion regarding the pledge has been moved to June. Council is trying to decide whether to apply for the HEED award again. The committee reviewed the requirements for the application and brainstormed ideas.

#### 5. <u>Items from the Floor</u>

Wendy went to the Diversity Conference and shared some of the information that she found interesting. She talked about Jeff Duncan-Andrade and his presentation about what success looks

like. She said it was a great conference that helped her to learn about facilitating conversations and encouraging engagement.

Meetings: Next meeting May 12, 2015, 3:00pm, District Office South (Annex)