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***HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

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**September 10, 2020**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Present:** Nancy Salamoun, Staff Liaison, Mgr. of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
Lara Versari, Commissioner  
Michael Henson, Commissioner

**Guests:** Amy Henson, Volunteer

**Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting commenced on September 10, 2020 at 6:30pm.

**Announcements**

- The Commission will hold an Active Bystander Training on October 1, 2020. This training will be facilitated by Quabbin Mediation.
- The Commission is actively looking for new membership. Nancy will be working with Communications to send out a release.

**Membership Discussion/ Next Steps Planning**

- Commissioners discussed the upcoming Bystander Training. The virtual training is limited to 20 participants. The Commissioners will spread the word about the upcoming opportunity. If we do not hit the max number of participants, the Commissioners will join the training.
- Commissioners discussed the 2021 MLK Jr. Event.
  - Participation will be virtual
    - Participation could include videos as well as essays.
    - Potential Theme: Revising History?
      - Will reach out to Jessica Boston Davis, Director of Equity and Excellence in the Schools and Andre Green, School Committee member. Will invite them to next meeting to discuss the event and this year's theme.
    - Donation Drive- maybe partner with Project Soup again.
- Commissioner discussed potential workshop with Chief Fallon
  - Potentially post MLK event and post hire of Race and Social Justice Director
  - A panel discussion with representatives from the Community, Police, Just Us Somerville, High School leaders, Community organizers and Office of Immigrant Affairs.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:20pm**