

## Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee Meeting

October 25, 2022 @ 2:30 p.m.

### Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Est. Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
I.	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	2:30	Rap Hankins
II.	<b>Regional Equity Initiative Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program application</li> <li>• RTA nixes changes to bus Route 14 that would have affected Trotwood</li> <li>• Assessing possible linkages between County Ambassadors Council and Livable Community Initiative</li> <li>• DEIB Engagement (September 2022)</li> </ul>	2:35	Fabrice Juin
III.	<b>Affordable Connectivity Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Outreach Toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Distribution through local government, libraries, schools, community centers, churches, Hispanic organizations</li> <li>◦ Will be assessing possible outreach campaign</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Enrollment &amp; Claims Tracker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Ohio is 5th in the nation; Montgomery (8.5%), Greene (4.7%), Warren (2.4%), Miami (4.7%), Darke (4.4%), Shelby (4.7%), Preble (4.4%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Becoming an Outreach Partner and making an FCC Speaker Request</li> </ul> <p>Any community entities engaged in digital literacy work?</p>	2:45	Fabrice Juin
IV.	<b>Plan4Health Equity Analysis</b>	3:15	Fabrice Juin
V.	<b>Round Robin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee Membership Roster Form</li> <li>• Other Institute Updates</li> <li>• <a href="#">Upcoming Equity Engagements</a></li> </ul>	3:30	All Participants
VI.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	3:45	Rap Hankins

**\*\* The NEXT MEETING is November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022\*\***

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**via Zoom Conference/Video Call  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83798452238>)**

**September 28, 2022  
2:30 PM**

**REI Subcommittee Members Present**

Michael Carter, Sinclair Community College  
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood  
Tom Kelley, United Way of Greater Dayton  
Julie Liss-Katz, Dayton Business Committee  
Adriane Miller, NCCJ  
Courtney Rutledge, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality  
Stephanie Van Hoose, Community Coalition for Indigenous Peoples  
Terra Williams, Public Health- Dayton & Montgomery County

**Staff**

Serena Anderson  
Savannah Diamond  
Fabrice, Juin  
Brian Martin

**Other Guests Present**

Tania Arseculeratne, The Dayton Foundation  
Belinda Matthews Stenson, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Amy Piner, Montgomery County  
Bob Ruzinsky, Greater Dayton RTA  
Brandon Policicchio, Greater Dayton RTA  
Barbra Stonerock, The Dayton Foundation  
Rich Schultze, Concerned Citizen

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hosted the Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee call on September 28, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83798452238>).

**I. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

REI Chairperson, Rap Hankins called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Self-introductions were made.

**II. REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE UPDATES**

**A. Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program**

Fabrice Juin shared an update on the EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program and stated that MVRPC, Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County, The Dayton Foundation, and University of Dayton have been engaged in discussion around establishing a collaborative entity focused on addressing environmental justice issues in the Miami Valley; spurred by the Environmental Justice Academy and the observed federal emphasis on this cause.

He then mentioned that the same group (with some new local and cross-state additions) preparing an application for the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EPA & DOE); establishing the Miami Valley as a national hub for environmental justice, with the University of Dayton as the lead applicant. Lastly, he stated that this is a multi-million dollar opportunity serving regionally affiliated states that would provide us leverage to tap into funds for environmental causes.

## **B. Technology & Connectivity Workgroup**

Fabrice Juin shared an update regarding the Technology & Connectivity Workgroup and stated that Stakeholders are being convened by The Dayton Foundation for possible collaboration on digital equity.

## **C. Presentation to the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Cohort on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging**

Fabrice provided an update on his presentation to the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Cohort on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging as they relate to local government and public service.

## **D. DEIB Engagement (July 2022 & August 2022)**

Fabrice provided the following update regarding DEIB engagement from July-September 2022:

- July: hosted local group serving young girls from underserved local communities to introduce them to MVRPC, ILEC, and planning as a career field
- August: commemorated Women's Equality Day 2022 as a celebration of the passage of women's suffrage in the US and to recognize the continuous struggle for women's rights
- September: pursuing opportunities to improve equity and inclusivity during Hispanic Heritage Month, looking to add representation to REI Subcommittee

## **III. DEFINING EQUITY**

Fabrice followed up with discussions from July's REI meeting regarding the definition of equity. He then opened the floor for feedback on the definition. Stephanie Van Hoose suggested adding cultural sovereignty to the definition of equity. The Subcommittee discussed the difference between cultural sovereignty and cultural identity. Brian Martin suggested adding the definition of cultural sovereignty as its own definition. Tom Kelley suggested adding it to the Regional Equity Initiative Values. Fabrice thanked everyone for their comments and suggestions.

## **IV. COUNTY AMBASSADORS COUNCIL**

Fabrice Juin provided information on the "County Ambassadors Council" and stated the purpose of this council is to provide inclusive representation for each member county (Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren), to share local insights and perspectives to inform pursued regional activities and assist in the mobilization of respective county communities and distribution of regional resources. Rap Hankins added that aiming too broadly will lessen the impact and suggested looking at the demographics and needs of each county.

Fabrice then explained the structure for the County Ambassadors Council will include leadership teams and community groups and at least half of each county's council membership identified as a minority demographic group. Rich Schultze suggested adding a representative from the lower income population to the structure.

## **V. OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION: CITY OF TROTWOOD & GDRTA**

Brian Martin opened the floor to facilitate a discussion regarding the City of Trotwood and the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA). Rap Hankins provided information on the issues the community will face by eliminating Route 14; a key bus route that runs through the City of Trotwood. Brian Martin then introduced Bob Ruzinsky and Brandon Policicchio with GDRTA and invited them to share more information regarding Route 14. Bob Ruzinsky stated that GDRTA and other transportation organizations are facing a hiring crisis with a lack of CDL licensed drivers. He then mentioned they had multiple public hearings throughout this year regarding their route changes. They tried to avoid eliminating this particular route when they eliminated other routes earlier within the year. Lastly, he explained the benefits of on demand transportation services. Brian Martin thanked GDRTA for the update and said representatives of the City of Trotwood are concerned about how this will impact the new Goodwill facility under construction and suggested GDRTA reach out to Goodwill's CEO.

## **VI. AARP Livable & Age-Friendly Communities**

Serena Anderson shared an update regarding Age-Friendly Communities. She introduced Donna Kastner as the new Del Mar Fellow leading the Age-Friendly effort at MVRPC. Serena then announced that the Miami Valley has become one of the first Age-Friendly Communities within Ohio and across the US. Miami Valley's Age-Friendly jurisdictions include: Miami County, Harrison Township, Washington Township, City of Brookville, City of Centerville, City of Huber Heights, City of Kettering, City of Troy and City of Xenia. Lastly, Serena shared upcoming Age-Friendly events including the quarterly [Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network](#) meeting.

## **VII. Round Robin**

The following topics were discussed during the round robin:

- NCCJ receives funding from Learn to Earn for the NW Dayton Collaborative, and plan to put together a mobile opportunity center.
- Upcoming Equity Events- [Equity Events Calendar](#)

## **VIII. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

Chairperson Rap Hankins thanked Brian Martin for allowing GDTRA to provide an update during this meeting appreciates how quickly they were able to resolve the situation regarding route 14.

Rap Hankins adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.