



Central Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee (CR MAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 22, 2016

Attendees: Doris Cheung, Lynne Esquivel, George Stanton, Nancy Kothandapany, Sam Ley, Carole Kuklis, Diane Kubik, Pat Noble, Cindy Emmons, Elizabeth Patience

Minutes: Opened with Introductions

Lynne started off the discussion with the September 12th, Statewide MAC meeting to inform everyone that out of 22 applications for new members, 6 were selected to go forward with Commissioner's Approval. There was a presentation from Albany Police Chief Brandon Cox with Gregory Owens, LMSW about Crisis and Implicit Bias Training – raising the level of consciousness – we all have a bias. Gregory facilitated this new training for the Albany Police and it will roll out in their own Police Academy using information from the Perception Institute.

Sam Ley, Director of Cultural Diversity Program at MHASt presented "*Working Effectively with an Interpreter.*" Interpreters are trained using the Code of Ethics for Health Care Interpreters ensuring confidentiality, accuracy & completeness, impartiality, maintaining professional boundaries, respecting all parties as well as being culturally competent to name a few. They learn how and where to sit in the interpreter session. The interpreters learn to speak naturally, clearly and slowly, pause often, avoid jokes, slang, and only 1 person should speak at a time. Spanish is the most needed language being requested from the MHASt Interpreter program. All interpreters receive 18 hours of initial training plus monthly training. Thanks to Sam for a fantastic presentation today chock full of great information. **Please contact Sam Ley, Director of the Cultural Diversity Program at 771-8888 for more information or to schedule trainings.**

Next Meeting:

December 8 at 10:30am

All Meetings are held at:

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185 Court Street, Binghamton, NY