

2009 Work Plan

Provide an electronic copy to the Kitsap County Volunteer Services Coordinator by 2/27/09.

Name of Advisory Group: Kitsap County Council for Human Rights

Advisory Group Staff: Leif Bentsen

Advisory Group Chair: Randy Powell (2008);

Meeting Day/time/location: 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Training Room, County Fairgrounds

Part 1: Advisory Group Purpose/Mission Statement

The mission of the Kitsap County Council for Human Rights is twofold:

- 1) Advise county government and Kitsap County residents on issues related to discrimination, violence and harassment based on race or national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status;
- 2) Promote the equitable treatment of all citizens and reduce prejudice through the development of prevention policies, education, resource referrals, and advocacy.

Part 2: Accomplishments in 2008

2008 Youth Rally for Human Rights, March 21st – cosponsored and partially funded by Olympic College(\$500 cash + facilities) and South Kitsap SD (\$1,200) . Six school districts involved in planning process.

Community outreach: May meeting at Givens Community Center in Port Orchard;

Recommend to BCC that Wall of Fame inductees be memorialized on county admin building wall.

Forums

1) *Discrimination in Marriage, or Whose Business is it Anyway*, Evergreen State College Prof. Stephanie Cootnz, Tuesday October 14th, 7:00 pm, Olympic College Theater.

2) *Estate Planning for Gay and Lesbian couples, Changes in Domestic Partnership law*, Jenny Cochrane, JD, November 2008

18th Annual Kitsap County Human Rights Conference, Kitsap Conference Center, December 5, 2008

Part 3: Proposed Goals/Objectives or Plans for 2009

Due to drastic cuts in 2009 budget, the council will focus on making the annual Kitsap County Youth Rally for Human Rights & the annual Kitsap County Human Rights Conference self-sufficient.