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Human Relations Commission Minutes for Monday October 25, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 5:04.

Present were Eva Hausman, Susan Ersinghaus, Director of Social Services for the town of Simsbury Mickey Lecours-Beck and liaison to the Board of Selectman for the Town of Simsbury Lisa Heavner.

The minutes for April 26, 2010 were read and approved.

Members expressed concern about the continuing issues of bullying in our society and pledged support for "Anti-bullying" programs that could be implemented district wide. Plans were made to consult and coordinate with the Board of Education and Social Services to offer the commission's support.

During New Business, ways the commission might contribute to 'breaking down stereotypes' were explored. Ms. Heavner will inquire as to what if anything the commission can do to contribute to the Middle School Cultural Night. A suggestion of sponsoring a town or school wide contest for "tolerance" "inclusion" "exclusion" "acceptance" videos that might be prescreened and then awarded spots on Simsbury TV was offered and explored a bit

Commission members committed to researching aspects of this idea by contacting various school/town personnel and agreed to meet on November 29, 2010 to report back and explore this idea further.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09.