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**Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Opportunities Industrialization Center**  
**Yakima, WA**  
**1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**May 15, 2015**

**Members Present: Chair Donahoe, Vice Chair Reed Trahan, Commissioner Franklin, Commissioner Herron, Commissioner Smith, and Commissioner Williams.**

**Staff: Executive Director Edward Prince and Executive Assistant Charlotte Kerney**

**Absent: Commissioners Quinn and Waller**

**1:05 PM – Meeting called to Order and introduction of commissioners and staff.  
Chair Donahoe read meeting agenda aloud.**

**1:10 PM – Presentation by James Mitchell, President of Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Yakima**

- **OIC established in Yakima in 1971 by Henry Beauchamp. Currently 38 centers still in existence. Yakima has the largest center nationwide.**
- **Empowers people; runs a food bank that serves 12,000 people per month, provides energy assistance, administers a GED program, teaches financial/prosperity planning and financial literacy, YouthBuild program and a senior community center.**
- **OIC also sponsors Breakfast with a Cop**
- **Planning the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Henry Beauchamp Charity Golf Tournament in Yakima for July 16, 2015**

**2:15 PM – Presentation by Raul Lopez, Racial Equity Team –SEIU**

**2:50 PM – Break**

**3:05 PM – Director’s Report**

**3:10 PM – Commissioners’ Reports**

**3:35 PM – Public Comment**

- **Reverend Robert Trimble, Pastor of Mt. Hope Baptist Church inquired about the process of becoming a commissioner.**
- **Eric Silverstone of American Family Insurance suggested forums at local hospitals to inform the public about strokes and stroke**

prevention. Stated hospitals have funds to launch forums such as this for communities of color.

- Reverend Trimble expressed concern for incarcerated individuals. He will provide copies of his proposal to the commission.
- Edgar Moreno suggested an incentive for the recruitment of minority police officers. Feels officers from the community in which they live are less likely to overreact.

4:00 PM - Motion made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn;  
Seconded by Commissioner Trahan. No opposition.  
Meeting Adjourned