

KANSAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING IN KANSAS CITY

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The Kansas Human Rights Commission of the State of Kansas held its annual progress meeting at the Jack Reardon Center in Kansas City, Kansas. There were several individuals present, including the representatives of local Human Rights Commissions, Commissioner **David Hanson**, Senator **David Haley**, the Minority Press Service, Inc. as well as other concerned citizens. Positive comments from each committee were given as they reported on the progress that they have made in the past year. More specifically, in a report given by **Bill Minner**, Executive Director of the **Kansas Human Rights Commission**, the Commission is experiencing a down-trend in discrimination complaints. This has been recognized on the federal level as well. The Education Committee, whose primary purpose is to educate citizens of the laws in Kansas that prevent future acts of discrimination, reported that in efforts to address diversity, it has purchased videos that the Commission can utilize during presentations. These can be used when presentations are made at events such as **Kansas Diversity Network Job Fair** and the **Kansas Human Relations Meeting in Lawrence, Kansas**.

They also have an outreach program for high school students that train them to be prepared in the workforce. Although funds are not directly given to schools, a reported number of 2,000 high school students have undergone this training.

Overall, the Human Rights Commission is very pleased with their progress to continue meeting the needs of Kansas citizens.