Illinois Diversity in Leadership Taskforce – Chair- Dr. Nicole Lucy Thompson

Illinois Counseling Association Report

Meeting Date: ______________________

Membership Updates

➤ Current membership: 32
➤ New Members: 25
➤ Member recruitment update:
  ▪ President Elect (Carolyn Khan) sent an email on 05/27/2020 that stated she will look thru the volunteer list to see if anyone else was interested in joining the Diversity in Leadership Task Force
➤ 2 new members pending

❖ Upcoming Events and/or Initiatives:
  ➤ Collaborated with other Division Leaders to create the: ICA Division Leaders’ Call to Action Statement
    ▪ Dr. Tamekia Bell, President
      IL Counselor Educators and Supervisors
    ▪ Dr. Jahaan Abdullah, President
      IL Association for Multicultural Counseling
    ▪ Dr. Nicole Thompson, Chair
      Diversity in Leadership Taskforce
    ▪ Kristina Wilkerson, Past President
      IL Counselors for Social Justice
    ▪ Missy Lugo, Past President
    ▪ Gideon Litherland, President
      IL Association for LGBT Issues in Counseling
    ▪ Jim Keck, President
      IL Counselors for Social Justice
    ▪ Carolyn Khan, President Elect
      IL Counseling Association

➤ -ICA Division Leaders’ Call to Action Statement (Town Hall Pending)
  ▪ Will continue to spearhead conversation around diversity issues regarding police murder and systemic brutality towards Black and Brown individuals
  ▪ Next Diversity in Leadership Taskforce Meeting will be regarding collaborating with community stakeholders.
  ▪ Contacted the Following:
• Mayor Lori Lightfoot
• Alderman David Moore
• Chicago Police Department

❖ Strategic Planning Update
  ➢ First meeting was February 27, 2020 – Discussed Roles and Desired Outreach Communities
    ▪ In attendance:
      • Chair- Dr. Nicole L. Thompson
      • Secretary- Gideon Litherland
      • (New Member) Kellee Watkins
      • Member- Yesenia Ortiz
      • Member- Marcella Rogers
      • Member- Corey Frantz
  ➢ Next Diversity in Leadership Taskforce Meeting Scheduled for June 11, 2020
  ➢ Webinar- Addressing Race and Promoting Unity
    ▪ Finalization of Co-Sponsors (Pending).

❖ Current Leadership
  ➢ Chair: Nicole Thompson
  ➢ Secretary: Gideon Litherland

Report completed by:  Dr. Nicole Lucy Thompson
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