

Commission on Human Rights

KY Commission on Human Rights will meet next week in Danville to rule on complaints and hold Fair Housing Meeting highlighting LGBT issues

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Danville, KY - The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Thursday, June 21, at Centre College in the Student Center, Room 201, located at 600 West Walnut Street, Danville, Ky., 40422. The public is invited.

The Commission will rule on discrimination complaints brought by people alleging illegal discrimination occurred in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The meeting is expected to end at about 10 a.m. in order to begin the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights "All Doors are open in Kentucky" Fair Housing Conference to discuss fair housing civil rights and also housing discrimination issues regarding people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and their families. A new HUD rule that protects LGBT people and their families from discrimination who are accessing HUD housing and HUD Financing programs will also be discussed. The rule went into effect in March.

The conference will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is warmly invited. A number of higher education officials, advocacy groups and members of the public are expected to attend. Registration is free. Please call the commission at 1.800.292.5566, ext. 26, to register.

Among those speaking at the conference is H. Alexander Robinson, who serves as executive director and CEO of the National Black Justice Coalition, and is president of the NBJC Action Fund. NBJC is an LGBT advocacy civil rights organization. Also speaking will be Jacqueline Miller, policy and litigation fellow of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Civil Rights Act. These laws make discrimination illegal.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age (40 and over in employment), disability, and familial status (people with children in the household who are age 18 and under, and it protects women who are pregnant). Tobacco-smoking status is protected in the area of employment. It is against the law to retaliate against a person who makes a discrimination complaint with the Kentucky Commission on

Human Rights. Discrimination is illegal in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations and financial transactions.

Call the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights for help with discrimination or for more information at 1.800.292.5566. Visit the commission website at www.kchr.ky.gov to learn more.