



**WNY Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee**  
**4/8/16 minutes (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)**  
**Native American Community Services @ 1005 Grant Street, Buffalo 14207**

Present (in person) Johanna Ambrose, Dawn Hill, Elizabeth Haley, Pete Hill, Lisa Harris, Jonique Freeman  
by phone: Frances Priester-Moss

1. **Meeting was held at NACS. Informal discussion about NACS programs and services.**
2. Introductions amongst members
3. Review/ corrections of 3/17/16 meeting minutes
4. Further discussion and interest in learning more about how **Bureau of Cultural Competence and Centers for Excellence** can be a resource to RMACs. Group requesting presentation by NKI and NYSPI specifically to present research, regional data and how they can be accessed as a resource to RMAC/ communities. Frances and Hextor of BCC will reach out to Centers for Excellence and coordinate.
5. Additional area of interest: What are some effective/ valid tools or procedures for assessing cultural needs in communities? Do Centers for Excellence have recommendations? Ie. focus groups vs. pre/post surveys.
6. Discussion regarding role(s) of RMAC and ideas for activities. Further discussion on “what is the geographical area of WNY “regional” MAC and how can this RMAC branch out in the future beyond Erie/ Niagara/ Monroe. Several members cover the entire region in their missions.
7. Discussion about creating a List-serve? BCC can assist.
8. Next Steps:

Work on developing RMAC Mission statement:

1. Review other RMAC annual reports
  2. Members to review own experiences/ resources
  3. Centers for Excellence presentation to be scheduled.
  4. BCC to review website at upcoming meeting
  5. WNY RMAC representative to attend next regional phone conference: **4/27@2-3pm**
9. Next meeting TBD in **May. Attendees agreed with monthly meetings for now and requested every/ other meeting to be by phone conference**