

## THE DELEGATION

Report

September 17, 2024

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Lindamood Room, Findlay-Hancock County Public Library



### Delegation Members (Attendees in **BOLD**)

Don Essex – <i>City of Findlay</i>	Christina Muryn – <i>City of Findlay Mayor</i>	Dionne Neubauer – <i>Findlay- Hancock County Chamber of Commerce</i>
Kimberly Bash – <i>Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation</i>	Jennifer Swartzlander – <i>ADAMHS</i>	Hiro Kawamura – <i>University of Findlay</i>
<b>Precia Stuby – ADAMHS</b>	Lindsay Summit – <i>Hancock Public Health</i>	Jerome Gray – <i>Black Heritage Library &amp; Multicultural Center</i>
<b>Zach Thomas – ADAMHS</b>	Kirby Overton – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Andy Hatton – <i>Findlay City Schools</i>
Laura Reinhart – <i>Hancock Public Health</i>	Scott Lammers – <i>Family Resource Center</i>	Melissa LaRocco – <i>Legal Aid of Western Ohio</i>
Chris Caldwell – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Steve Dillon – <i>ADAMHS</i>	Sarah Clevidence – <i>Findlay-Hancock County Public Library</i>
Jennifer Davis – <i>Hancock Public Health/Findlay Inclusion &amp; Awareness</i>	Kaylee Schleucher – <i>GSW</i>	Crystal Whipkey – <i>CCE/Findlay City Schools</i>
<b>Rene Gabriel – Mission Possible</b>	<b>Jaclynn Hohman – City of Findlay</b>	<b>Chloe Crowther – Marathon Center for the Performing Arts</b>
Amber Kear – <i>The Hysteria Company</i>	Maria Guarnieri – <i>University of Findlay</i>	Stefan Adams – <i>Findlay City Schools</i>
<b>Gary Bright – 50North</b>	<b>Hachemy Gabriel – Mission Possible</b>	<b>Kaleb Brown – United Way</b>
Cathy Weygant – <i>Black Heritage Library &amp; Multicultural Center</i>	<b>Kristi Szkudlarek – Findlay-Hancock County Public Library</b>	<b>Makay Tuttle – City of Findlay Intern</b>
<b>Monica Zimmerman – Community Advocate</b>	<b>Joy Brown – Communication Consultant</b>	

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. Project Updates.

- a. Immigration Task Force Communications Project. Three pieces of the project are nearing completion: Immigration 101, Frequently Asked Questions, and the first human interest story showcasing a local immigrant family. Pieces will be edited and reviewed for final approval before publication. Discussion will take place with The Courier to plan for publication in the newspaper. Digital versions of the pieces will be made available to all Delegation members for broad distribution.
- b. Civic Engagement. No updates at this time.
- c. Conscious Inclusion Training. The first community training will take place Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at The Community Foundation (currently 23 have registered to attend). A second community training will take place Friday, October 25, 2025 at The Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Part II of the Conscious Inclusion training will be offered early 2025.

2. **OHYES! (Ohio Health Youth Environments Survey) Survey Data – School Connected and Success.** This survey was administered to Findlay City/Hancock County school students in the fall of 2025. Questions related to students feeling welcomed/belonging at school were asked and the results of those questions were provided to The Delegation for reference (attached). No action is to be taken at this time but the data will be used for future

discussion of initiatives that may be developed to support welcoming environments throughout Hancock County.

**3. Additional Discussion Regarding Immigration.**

- a. The Delegation spent significant time discussing the current state of affairs related to immigrant communities in Findlay (and the impact of the recent attention on Springfield, Ohio). This discussion resulted in the action items listed below (Action Items for Next Meeting).
- b. Kristy Szkudlarek developed a workshop (modeled after Bridges Out of Poverty) that may be considered as a way to increase understanding, compassion, and empathy for immigrant communities. The workshop draft is attached and members are asked to provide feedback.

**ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

1. Draft position statement on immigration and support for immigrant communities.
2. Draft a “How I Can Help” tip sheet for people who desire to support immigrant communities.
3. Request and promote support of immigrant communities from faith-based community (e.g., FAM [Faith, Addition and Mental Health] Talk, letter of support).
4. Review draft immigration workshop and provide feedback to Krisy Szkudlarek ([kszkudlarek@findlaylibrary.org](mailto:kszkudlarek@findlaylibrary.org)) or Zach Thomas ([zthomas@yourpathtohealth.org](mailto:zthomas@yourpathtohealth.org)).

**PROJECTS IN PROCESS:**

1. Resource discussion – Belonging Design Principals
2. Indicators of Belonging (evaluation of initiatives of The Delegation)
3. Civic Engagement Course
4. Immigration Workshop

**NEXT MEETING:**

October 15, 2024

1:00-2:00 p.m.

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