ELECTRONIC POLLING RESULTS

Nine of Ten Attendees Reside in Either St. Louis County or St. Louis City

- St. Louis City, MO: 41%
- St. Louis County, MO: 51%
- St. Charles County, MO: 2%
- St. Clair County, IL: 3%
- Madison County, IL: 3%
- Other: 0%

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Eight of Ten Attendees Work or Attend School in Either St. Louis County or St. Louis City
Nearly 7 out of the 10 attendees were women.
ELECTRONIC POLLING RESULTS

Ages of attendees were nearly equally proportion.

- 22 to 34 years: 18%
- 35 to 44 years: 17%
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Six out of 10 attendees were White attendees.
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Three of Ten Attendees Have Participated in At Least One Other Commission Meeting
POLLING RESULTS
DISPARITY AREA: HEALTH

RECAP FROM MEETING #9
APRIL 13, 2015
More than five of ten feel health care access and neighborhood safety are the most critical issues impacting regional health and well-being.
Acquiring and paying for health care insurance are the greatest deterrents to health care access.
PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

- Public Open Mic Session
- Small Group Discussions:
  - Racial Caucus Groups
RACIAL EQUITY & RECONCILIATION GROUPS RESPOND IN PUBLIC COMMENT

RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR RACIAL EQUITY & RECONCILIATION WORK: local organizations dedicated to fighting racism issued collective response stating:

- Dismantling racism is first step
- Positioned to offer resources to help
- Continuum of efforts needed in training, awareness and healing
- Build community free of racial fear begins with talking with, not through, each other
Reverse Role Play
• Society seeking the worst examples as representative of African American race

Moving Beyond Black and White
• Need for in-language outreach to immigrant communities
• Solidarity between Asian-Americans and African-Americans

Call for Civic Engagement
• Commission’s topics need to make it into national elections

Critique of Ferguson Commission’s Procurement Process
• RFP process for hiring has compromised the effectiveness of Commission’s work

Erosion of Trust Exists, Needs to be Mended between Communities & Officers
• There is a unique nature of relationship between officers and communities – “officers run towards bullets” for communities
• Existing relationship has been devastated by lack of trust and accountability
• We must re-build trust and accountability
RACIAL CAUCUS GROUPS: PEOPLE OF COLOR

What do you need in order to continue the reflection or conversation?

- I need white people to listen without explaining away the things I share with them.
- I need black men to talk with each other and not just at each other.
- I need youth to stop ignoring the problems in our community.
- I need people of color beyond African Americans to get more involved in making things better.
- I need darker skinned people to stop thinking that lighter skinned people think they are better than them.
- I need black people to focus on the systems that are oppressing them and stop marching on other black folks.
- I need white people to stop thinking they have arrived because they have one black friend.
- I need for all of us to put ourselves in more uncomfortable spaces so that we can have real conversations about the issues.
- I need for us to do less self-censoring.
RACIAL CAUCUS GROUPS: WHITE PEOPLE

What do you need in order to continue the reflection or conversation?

- I need to know about opportunities for open dialogue and I need it to be consistent and regular.
- I need structures to support connections across social diversity.
- I need to be reminded of specific, personal, and concrete examples of White privilege.
- I need cross-racial conversations across all ages.
- I need to know what language to use and ways to recognize cultural competency.
- I need accessibility for those who don’t self-select to come to Ferguson Commission meetings.
- I need to identify nodes of hatred and challenge them.
- I need the courage to take risk to initiate conversations where I am right now.
- I need to put myself in places to meet others.
- I need these conversations to be a part of fun community building.