EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW YORK


Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Section 831(d)(2) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to insure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, the Equal Employment Practices Commission audited the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Equal Employment Opportunity Program; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the City Charter, the EEPC may make a preliminary determination pursuant to Section 831(d) that any plan, program, procedure, approach, measure or standard adopted or utilized by any city agency does not provide equal employment opportunity. Now, Therefore,

Be It Resolved,
that pursuant to the audit of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s compliance with its Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, as well as Commission policies and EEO standards expressed in City guidelines, the Equal Employment Practices Commission hereby affirms and adopts the following preliminary findings:

1. DOHMH’s general EEO Policy did not contain an up-to-date list of “protected classes” under the New York City Human Rights Law.

2. DOHMH did not use the list of minority and female recruitment sources that included all protected classes. (Sect. IV, EEOP)

3. DOHMH did not ensure that job vacancies for which underutilization of women and/or minorities were identified were advertised in female- and minority-oriented publications, and sent to professional and community organizations serving minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. (Sect. IV, EEOP)

4. DOHMH did not secure the necessary training to conduct adverse impact studies, either from DCAS or another appropriate source. (Section IV, EEOP).

5. DOHMH’s EEO Officer did not assist the Human Resources Department in developing recruitment strategies and selecting recruitment media. (Sect. IV, EEOP)
6. The EEO Officer did not keep agendas or notes of her meetings with the Commissioner regarding EEO matters.

7. Supervisors and managers were not directed to discuss the agency’s EEO policies with their subordinates.

8. Seventy-seven percent of survey respondents indicated they did not know the name of the persons responsible for providing career counseling.

Be It Finally Resolved,
that the Commission authorizes the Vice Chair/Commissioner to forward a letter to Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav formally informing her of the findings with appropriate explanations and requesting, pursuant to Chapter 36 of the New York City Charter, her response to these findings within thirty days and receipt of the letter indicating what corrective actions the Department of Youth and Community Development will take to bring it into compliance with the New York City Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

Approved unanimously on June 8, 2005.

Chereé A. Buggs, Esq.  Angela Cabrera  Veronica Villanueva, Esq.
Commissioner  Commissioner  Commissioner

[Signature]
Manuel A. Méndez  Vice-Chair
RESOLUTION #06/01-260C: Determination of implementation by the Department of Youth and Community Development of the recommended corrective actions made by the Equal Employment Practices Commission pursuant to its audit of the Department of Youth and Community Development’s Charter-mandated Equal Employment Opportunity Program from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004.

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 36, Sections 831(d)(2) and (5) of the New York City Charter, the Equal Employment Practices Commission is authorized to audit and evaluate the employment practices, programs, policies, and procedures of city agencies and their efforts to insure fair and effective equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women, and to make recommendations to city agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women; and

Whereas, pursuant to its audit of the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) issued a preliminary determination letter, dated June 8, 2005, setting forth its findings and recommended corrective actions; and

Whereas, DYCD submitted its response to EEPC’s preliminary determination letter, on June 17, 2005; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the New York City Charter, the EEPC issued its response on June 27, 2005; and

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 36, Section 832(c) of the City Charter, the EEPC was required to monitor DYCD for a period not to exceed six months, from August 2005 through January 2006, to determine whether it implemented the aforementioned recommended corrective actions; and

Whereas, the Department of Youth and Community Development submitted its Final Compliance Report on January 10, 2006, one month early; and

Whereas, all of the aforementioned recommended corrective actions are required by, or are consistent with, the City’s Equal Employment Opportunity Policy; and

Whereas, the members of this Commission have reviewed a Compliance Summary Report prepared by EEPC staff, affirming that the aforementioned recommendations have been implemented to the Commission’s satisfaction. Now Therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Department of Youth and Community Development has implemented the recommended corrective actions deemed necessary to ensure compliance with equal employment opportunity pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 35 and 36 of the City Charter.
Be It Finally Resolved,
that the Commission authorizes the Chair, Ernest Hart, Esq., to forward a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Youth and Community Development, Jeanne B. Mullgrav, formally informing her that DYCD has implemented the recommended corrective actions to the Commission’s satisfaction.

Approved unanimously on January 24, 2006.

Chereé A. Buggs, Esq.  
Commissioner

Angela Cabrera  
Commissioner

Veronica Villanueva, Esq.  
Commissioner

Ernest F. Hart, Esq.  
Chair
MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

FROM: Jeanne B. Mullgrav

DATE: January 10, 2006

SUBJ: Equal Employment Practices Commission Audit

Chapter 36 of the New York City Charter empowers the Equal Employment Practices Commission (EEPC) to review, evaluate and monitor the equal employment programs, practices, policies and procedures of all City agencies.

The Commission has recently conducted an audit of DYCD to evaluate its compliance with the Charter mandated EEO policy for the two-year period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004.

While we have made significant achievements and improvements in the area of EEO, there are greater efficiencies to be gained. As a result of the EEPC's recommendations, DYCD:

- will continue its efforts to conduct adverse impact studies for all positions
- have had representatives from the EEO Office at departmental meetings to discuss the EEO Policy as well as provide information on the rights of each employee to file a complaint within DYCD
- has developed and circulated a newsletter in which contact information for the EEO Officer, Career Counselor, and EEO Counselors, and gives information on the services that are available through each office
- has included recommendations in employee evaluations to improve job performance and explain career advancement opportunities
I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the Department’s strong commitment to maintaining and enforcing fair employment practices for all of its employees and job applicants. It is essential that DYCD take measures to prevent discrimination and ensure that all employees are aware of their rights and obligations under the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. We should all encourage a work environment that respects and appreciates differences and diversity of our employees.

All employees are encouraged to use the EEO resources available within DYCD and to address any concerns to Ms. Felicia Thornton, EEO Officer, 156 William Street, 6th Floor. She may be reached at (212) 442-6659.

Thank you.