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Nebraska State Advisory Committee to Hold Briefing and Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC – The Nebraska State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a planning meeting and briefing on September 8, 2010 from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM CT at Southeast Community College – Lincoln Campus, 8800 O Street, Room G-1, Lincoln, NE. The Committee will gather information about the status and effects of Nebraska statute LB 403 requiring verification of legal U.S. presence by applicants for state benefits. The Committee will also gather information about the status of Nebraska LB 641 concerning activities to equalize educational opportunity in Omaha metro schools and the nature and extent of racial profiling. In addition, the Committee will identify a future civil rights project.

The Nebraska Committee was rechartered on September 18, 2009. Members of the Committee are: Glenn Freeman, Chairman, of Omaha; Michaelle Baumert, Rebecca Murray, and Chad Richter, also of Omaha; Edmund Hamann, William Harding, Cora Micek, Jose Soto and Kimberley Taylor-Riley of Lincoln; Peter Longo of Kearney, and Kenneth Vampola of Fremont.

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