THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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Iowa State Advisory Committee to Hold Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC – The Iowa State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a planning meeting on June 17, 2010 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM CDT. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future Iowa SAC civil rights activities. The meeting will be held at the Iowa Agriculture Development Authority, 505 5th Avenue, Suite 327, Des Moines, IA.

The Iowa Committee was rechartered on December 14, 2009. Members of the Committee are Dr. George Neumann, Chairman, of Iowa City; Nancy Boettger of Harlan; Joe D. Coulter, Donald P. Racheter, and Leonard A. Sandler of Iowa City; Francesca Galarraga of Ames; Sheryl A. Leonard of Holstein; Isaiah C. McGee of Des Moines; Cynthia A. Miller of West Des Moines; Michael A. Sadler of Urbandale, and Tamara R. Scott of Norwalk.

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