

Task force to report on Oakland homeless

A task force on the homeless is due to report Feb. 24 on what is being done and should be done in Oakland County.

The group is comprised of 12 area agencies and is headed by Dr. Robert Loecky, county director of human services.

"The consensus was that there are still unmet needs in regard to the homeless in Oakland County and that it is necessary for all of the agencies to work together to determine how we can plan ways to use additional resources as they become available," said Loecky.

"By having area agencies work together, we can bring these people the most help at the quickest possible rate," said County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Subgroups are working on: data base on homelessness, housing availability and prevention of homelessness, Loecky said.

Chairing these subgroups are Richard Turner of United Community Services, Mary Tisdale of South Oakland Shelter and Juanita Gupta of United Way Pontiac-North Oakland.

ROBERT H. Meija, 34, has been appointed equal opportunity specialist by County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Meija was Latin affairs supervisor

in the city of Pontiac and has been active in Hispanic groups, the executive said.

"I want to be the bridge between the community and the county," Meija said, "so I can help Hispanics who are interested in getting on the bidder lists or opening a business."

He reports to Eunice Williams, equal opportunity officer.

THREE MEMBERS have been reappointed to the parks and recreation commission by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Jean Fox of Farmington Hills begins her seventh year, Pecky D. Lewis Jr. of Bloomfield Hills starts a third term, and John Olsen of Huntington Woods begins a second term.

The parks panel announced it has re-elected Lewis E. Wint of Clarkston as chairman for the 11th straight year.

Race to be panel topic

Gray Panthers — Metro North will hear a program on "Racism and its Ramifications" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Ferndale Community Center, 400 E. Nine Mile.

Melvin Hollowell Jr., Wayne County director of purchasing, and Michael Chateau, Catholic Youth Organization director of community

organizing, will speak on Detroit's race relations task force.

Gray Panthers calls itself "an intergenerational organization for social change" with members in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, according to spokesman Randy Block, who can be contacted at 858-5181.



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