

**For Immediate Release:**

**Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation Plans Programming for 2023**

Dateline July 23, 2022, Denver/Aurora CO: The newly created *Annual Content Advisory Committee* of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation (DMCLF) met for the first time on July 22, 2022 at the Denver Metro Chamber offices. The purpose of the meeting was to refine programming for 2023 by identifying potential speakers, related spaces and content composition for Leadership Foundation programs using a new multifaceted collaborative approach.

Dennis Stretar, creator and producer of Our Community Broadcasting Network (OCBN) has been appointed as a charter member of the *Annual Content Advisory Committee* and is contributing to the *Virtual Voices* series and other Leadership Foundation programs in areas of *Health & Wellness, Housing, and Basic Needs* (Group 1). Other programming areas are; *Economic Development, Small Business, and Policy* (Group 2). *Education, Inclusivity, Arts, and Criminal Justice* (Group 3). *Environment, Water, Energy, Transportation and Infrastructure* (Group 4). *Leadership Development/Civic DNA Framework* expertise (Group 5).

*Virtual Voices* was created in partnership with TIED Leadership Roundtable to engage the business community in conversations around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The two organizations are committed to growing a community of inclusive leaders that are equipped with the knowledge, skills and experience needed to enact meaningful change, together. *Virtual Voices* meets the third Thursday of the month via Zoom with plans to do on-site visits in 2023 as well.



The DMCLF describes the program as; “(*Virtual Voices*) takes you on a journey as we look at history, individual and systemic change and collective impact. We will host sessions that provide context on the local and national history of race and racism, space to reflect on your role as an individual leader, the context for how racism shows up in our organizations and the tools to advance anti-racism and equity in your organization.”

The four objectives accomplished by the *Advisory Committee's* initial meeting are; (1) Provided feedback on current programming, speakers, and space networking in conjunction with the Program Directors of the Foundation. (2) Discussed timely issues to incorporate on issue days and exercises. (3) Helped identify speakers with diverse perspectives on subject matters. (4) Supported outreach to new speakers, content experts, and locations.

The work DMCLF is doing in the community is consistent with the mission of the OCBN initiative to promote best practices of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to our multicultural community. For more information about DMCLF and OCBN visit:



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