

Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)

By Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

The City of St. Anthony 2017 GARE cohort has been continuing their participation in the year-long series. In April, the team met with the 16 other teams from other cities, county and state departments in Shoreview. The teams talked about the history of their jurisdictions, and were introduced to concepts and tools for discussing race equity and demonstrating leadership in integrating equity into day-to-day operations.

In May, the team was invited to Bloomington to hear three panelists discuss their experiences in advancing racial equity. We heard from Terri Thao from Nexus Community Partners, Vina Kay from Voices for Racial Justice, and Nadine Graves from We Are All Criminals (WAAC).

The panel was insightful, and offered encouragement to all the local government representatives in attendance to further this important work.

In June, we met with the other cohorts to strategize for the building of our racial equity plan, which will be the end product of the introductory GARE series.

St. Anthony's Racial Equity Cohort:

- Bonnie Brever, Councilmember
- Mark Casey, City Manager
- Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager
- Mike Larson, Liquor Operation Manger
- Stephanie Johnson, Projects & Outreach Director, MWMO

Our Racial Equity Story and other information on the GARE cohort is available on the City's website.