

Monroe County Advisory Council has named a new chairman

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An organization that informs the public on state civil rights laws and monitors bias-related incidents in the Poconos now has a new chairman.

Christopher Adams of Pocono Summit recently was appointed to head the Monroe County Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

The PHRC investigates complaints of employment, housing, public accommodation and other types of discrimination based on race, gender, nationality, age, physical challenges, sexual orientation or other factors. If the PHRC finds a complaint has merit, the agency works with both sides to reach an agreement before the complaint becomes a lawsuit.

Adams replaces the late Robert Hillman of East Stroudsburg, who founded the Advisory Council in 2006 with Adams as one of its original members. Hillman, who had been active in civil rights in the area since the 1960s, died in November.

"Bob set a good template for us to follow," Adams said. "We have to start off from there. There's still a lot of work to be done."

Adams cited local homebuyers being targeted by predatory lending as one of the issues on the Advisory Council's agenda.

A Monroe County resident for the past 30 years, Adams serves also with the Unity Coalition of the Poconos, which works to promote harmony and understanding among people of different races and cultures, and Stroudsburg Little Bethel Historical Association, which is trying to restore and convert the 142-year-old Little Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Stroudsburg to a historical museum.

Adams works for GENCO Supply Chain Solutions in Coolbaugh Township and owns and operates Four Seasons Waste and Construction Management Company.

"Still grieving the loss of Robert Hillman, Chris is well-prepared for his new role since he was Bob's longtime friend and worked at Bob's side on the council and with many other community organizations," said Advisory Council Secretary Robert Venezia.

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