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**Topic: Update on EDI Task Forces** 

Background: At the 2019 Annual conference, the YALSA Board directed the YALSA president to form four EDI Task Forces to work through the remaining elements of the recommendations of the Advancing Diversity Task Force.

**Action Required: Information** 

Overview: Via the YALSA blog, the YALSA President made a call for four EDI Task Forces to be formed. These four task forces were assembled, chairs appointed, and work has begun with an initial report on their respective activities due to the Board before the 2020 Annual Conference in Chicago.

The four task forces are:

*Task Force 1*: **Promoting Professional Success for Underrepresented Groups within YALSA, chaired by David Wang;** 

*Task Force 2*: Encouraging LIS and iSchools to Include EDI Plan Elements in Curricula, chaired by KE Hones;

*Task Force 3*: Modeling Services and Programs to Include EDI Plan Elements, chaired by Sarah Ryan; and

*Task Force 4*: Addressing Institutional Bias and Racism in Libraries, chaired by Madeline Bryant.

Each of the Task Forces has met virtually and is including the YALSA president in their correspondence.

EDI Task Forces: <u>http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2019/09/03/yalsa-member-edi-task-force-volunteer-opportunities-apply-by-friday-9-20/</u>