

Howard County Commission for Women
9830 Patuxent Woods Drive / Columbia, MD 21046
December 10, 2019

Members Present

Kashonna Holland, Chair
Meg Boyd, Vice-Chair
Jessica Epps, Recording Secretary
Judy Zhou, Student Commissioner
Farida Guzdar
Rhonda Jones
Maxine Kellman-Allen
Phyllis Zolotorow

Members Absent

Dianne Paulus
Lanlan Xu

Staff Present

Cheryl Mattis, Executive Secretary

Staff Absent

Guests Present

Judith Vaughan-Prather, Executive Director, Maryland Commission for Women
Yun Jung Yang, Chair, Maryland Commission for Women
Melissa Curtin, Commissioner, Maryland Commission for Women
Ishrat Memon, Commissioner, Maryland Commission for Women

Call to Order:

With a quorum present, the CFW meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Guest: Maryland Commission for Women (MCFW)

- Twenty-Five Member Advisory Board
 - Committees
 - PAL- Policy and Legislation
 - ARC – Achievement and Recognition Committee
 - Hall of Fame
 - Inductees - typically recognizes 5 Maryland women
 - Women of Tomorrow - recognizes women in high school
- Top Priorities in the 2019-2020 year
 - PAL Committee Recommendations
 - ARC Events – Hall of Fame
 - Adhoc Event – 2020 Women’s Centennial Summit
- Special Offer to all Maryland County Commissions for Women
 - MCFW like to list County Commissions as a sponsor. Sponsorship fee has been reduced to \$100.
 - Goal to obtain sponsorship from all 15 County Commission for Women groups.
- Maryland 2020 Women’s Suffrage Anniversary Events Calendar
 - MCFW is celebrating the 100th year of the passage of the 19th Amendment.
 - MCFW will assist with advertising all events which highlight the passage of the 19th Amendment.

- MCFW Annual Report
 - Encompasses all events and tasks completed in the past year.
- Currently working on the Status of Women in Maryland Report
 - In 2016 -2017, the MCFW convened a listening tour where they invited women throughout Maryland to gather and provide their thoughts on issues that effect women throughout the state.
 - MCFW partnered with a research firm this is also using objective analysis to identify top issues for women throughout Maryland.
- www.nacw.org - Please spread the word regarding the NACW Annual Survey. NACW will provide member commissions with data associated with their jurisdiction.
- NACFC Annual Conference will be held in July 2020 in Loudon County, VA
- Women Moving Forward Conference – April 11, 2020
 - The Maryland Correctional Institute for Women and National Association of Women Judges will convene a conference for women who will soon be released or have been recently released from prison.
 - Goal is to provide women from this population with opportunities.
 - Melissa Curtin would serve as a point of contact for additional partnership opportunities.

Approval of November minutes:

- A motion was made to update the HOF application extension in the November minutes. This motion was seconded and minutes were approved with the correction.

Chair's Report:

MLAW Conference Report

- Kashonna, Meg, and Rhonda attended the conference.
- Collaborative event that included representatives from various organizations. Several legislations were discussed, including legislative proposals in the pipeline. Legislative proposals highlighted a number of areas that would impact women in Howard County.
- MLAW membership is \$40 a month and individuals are still able to join. To join, visit the MLAW website.

Jewish Foundation of Howard County partnership (The Great Challah Bake)

- Kashonna attended the event.
- Two and a half 30-gallon boxes of feminine hygiene products were collected.
- A brief statement regarding this collection was in the Howard County Times.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Update on Speaker Series flier

- Staff created a flier for the Speaker's Series. As a group, the CFW edited the flier and provided edits to Staff.
- Currently, the first presentation is scheduled on January 14, 2020, and is slated to take place at the Department of Community Resources and Services office. This location is not considered easily accessible for individuals who use public transportation. As such, the CFW will investigate other potential locations for future events.
- Marketing Tactics

- Constant Contact
- Social Media - Facebook

CFW Vacancies

- There are two vacancies on the CFW.
- Commissioners should invite people within their network to submit their names for consideration.

Events Updates

- Office of Aging recently announced an “Age-friendly Howard County” Initiative. All departments across County will be involved. DCRS is hoping to obtain citizen participation, as this initiative will impact residents of Howard County. Information available on the DCRS website.

New Business:

Sponsorship Opportunity

A motion was made for the CFW to sponsor the 2020 Women’s Centennial Summit. This motion was seconded and approved.

- Phyllis will connect with the League of Women Voters to inquire about events that they are convening.

Volunteers to repackage products for Detention Center

- Judy will identify volunteers to repackage products during the February, 11, 2020, meeting.

Student Essay Contest – Hall of Fame

- Judy is an intern at Hope Works. Her mentor mentioned that Hope Works is starting a literary magazine and would like to connect with winners regarding inclusion of all essays in their publication.

Hall of Fame Applicant Review

- Next meeting the CFW will convene a closed session after the Speaker’s Series and monthly meeting to review HOF applications and select inductees.
- In preparation for this meeting, Rhonda, will create a matrix to highlight commonalities among nominees.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and all present were in favor and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Submitted by Jessica Epps

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2020.