



Webex Conference – November 9, 2021 Minutes

Members Attendance

Rhonda Jones, Chair
Jessica Epps, Vice Chair
Pam Guzzone, Secretary
Mae Beale
Farida Guzdar
Kashonna Holland
Maxine Kellman-Allen
Jessica Nichols

Members Absent

Diane Paulus
Elizabeth Oyebode
Phyllis Zolotorow

Staff Present

Stephanie Adibe, Executive Secretary

Guests Present

Sherine Hargrove

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the Howard County Commission for Women meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

Approval of September Minutes

Motion to approve the September minutes was made by Mae, seconded by Farida. Motion approved.

Note: Because the Chair was not able to attend until later in the meeting, the agenda order was shifted and the revised order is reflected in these notes

Executive Secretary's Report

- Stephanie did not have new information to share. She did remind us of the food distribution events in November and December and encouraged members to volunteer to assist with these events.

Vice Chair Report

- Jessica shared about the Commissions work partnership with the Human Traffic Prevention and Coordinating Council and in particular social media campaign that had been planned was not

able to be carried out at least in part due to budget limitations. The Commission will continue to partner with the Human Traffic Prevention and Coordinating Council on future efforts.

- Sherine Hargrove was introduced. She is expected to become a Commission member soon and is looking forward to contributing to our efforts. We look forward to having her as a full member at our next meeting

New Business

- Priorities for FY22 have been established and 4 committees established to work on those priorities. A chart with the priorities and team members was shared
 - The expectation was set that each committee would meet twice before the next full Commission meeting
 - It was suggested that each group establish a lead/Point of Contact for their work. Leads are: Pam Guzzone on Policy/Legislation/Advocacy; Jessica Epps on Partnerships and Sharing Resources; Jessica Nichols on COVID Response; and Mae Beale on Outreach
 - Ellie and Kashonna were added to the Outreach Committee

Chair's Report & Old Business (what started as the Chair's Report quickly merged with old business!)

- The chair shared her thoughts on our priorities meeting and her appreciation for everyone's involvement
- The So She Did Too campaign:
 - We began by discussing the timeline for this youth-oriented event which we wanted to mirror the campaign done earlier in the year for adult women. After discussion about the tight timeline and the challenges associated with trying to complete the effort during the holiday season, we moved to brain storming about a possible alternative event that would not be as time and labor intensive.
 - This led to planning for an on-line panel discussion for teens which would be hosted by young women currently applying for or in college and focus on the unique challenges that COVID has on this age group. Kashonna agreed to lead an effort to build out a plan for this possible event.
 - The discussion wrapped up with the goal of determining which event to move forward on by 11/15/21
- We had a request for an up-to-date roster of Commission Members. Pam took the action to update the previous list and send it out to everyone for confirmation. It will then be posted on the Commission's Google Drive

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. (motion to adjourn from Mae, seconded by Kashonna)

Next full Commission meeting scheduled for January 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by Pam Guzzone