

Meeting Minutes for 12/14/2017 – 6:00pm

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I. Call to Order

- 12/14/17 6:05pm

II. Attendees

- Arlene Rodriguez
- Michelle Goncalves
- Nicole Murray
- Jennifer Metsch
- Dawn DiStefano
- Ellen Moorhouse
- Shanique Spalding
- Jackie Griswold

Absent:

- Pattie Hallberg

III. Public Speakout time

- N/A

IV. Committees:

- Program: Jackie, Michelle, Jennifer
- Legislative: Dawn, Arlene, Nicole
- Social Media/Communications: Ellen, Shanique, Pattie
- Committees adjourned at 6:45pm

V. Chair Report

- Unfortunately time was inadvertently left out of public notice. Notice was given to the Executive Director Jill Ashton and the commission liaison. Chair made an executive decision to proceed with the meeting as scheduled.
- Motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes (Griswold) Second (Metsch): Unanimous
- All Commissioners to send conflict of interest form to Chair Murray
- Motion to accept Chair Report: Griswold Second: Rodriguez: Unanimous

V. Vice Chair Report

- Commissioners discussed contacting MCSW for pertinent needs (letterhead if necessary to mail anything?)
- ACCESS bill was passed and signed into law. Birth Control in MA is now available 1.4 million women in MA.
- Treasurer will provide more information about pending statewide commission bills

- Motion to Accept Vice Chair Report: Murray Second: DiStefano Vote: Unanimous

VI. Other Reports (Subcommittees)

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- a) Social Media: Motion to accept Report: Metch Second: Gonczlves Vote: Unanimous.
 - a. Motion has been made by the Social Media and Communication sub committee to create a HCCSWG gmail account, facebook page, and twitter account.
 - b. Motion: Moorhouse Second: Spalding Vote: Unanimous
 - b) Program & Planning: Committee discussed areas for potential programming by the commission. Human Trafficking, health disparities in women's health, corrections. Want informed speakers to address the commission around these relevant topics at upcoming meetings.
 - a. All 7 local hospitals formed a consortium and did a health study on Hampden County. Many lessons were learned regarding gendered health disparities. Potentially have someone come to the meeting to highlight areas we can advocate for improvements.
 - b. Contact local groups to circulate on social media or cable access TV to reach a wider audience
 - c. Perhaps schedule guests in a forum, or a specific event?
 - d. Motion to accept report of committee: DiStefano Second: Rodriguez Vote: Unanimous
 - c) Legislative: Reviewed bylaw changes. A few other edits were proposed. Added language about how long a member can serve (two consecutive terms). Updated the section on recommendations for appointments (action to be taken this evening). Hoping to take a vote in January to submit final draft to statewide commission.
 - a. Mass Teen Alliance closing in June
 - b. Chair Murray will look into processes to support legislation as a commission and what that looks like
 - c. Motion to accept report of committee: Metsch Second: Goncalves Vote: Unanimous

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- January 11th, 2018 – Chair Murray Host
- February 8: Rodriguez
- March 8: DiStefano – West Springfield

IX. Announcements

- Commissioner Jackie Griswold's Last Day!
- Nominations will be opened for January's meeting to vote on vacations

IX. Any other items that may lawfully come before this body:

- Rollcall vote for Executive Session - Initial screening for potential commission members: Unanimous
- Adjourned public meeting at 7:32pm M: Spalding Second: DiStefano – Meeting Adjourned
- Executive Session started at 7:35pm

Commissioner Metsch created a rubric for scoring potential candidates

- Commissioners focused their discussion around applicants that reflect the communities they serve demographically, and the needs of the committee. Discussion around how applicants serve with a group in a team capacity. Two applicants rose to the top.
 - Age
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Education
 - Ethnicity
 - Volunteer Experience
 - Demonstrated passion for women’s issues
- Motion to accept slate of potential candidates as written and proposed by Chair Murray:
 - Moved: DiStefano Second: Goncalvez Vote: Unanimous
 - Motion to close Executive Session: Griswold Second: Spalding Vote: Unanimous

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X. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 12/14/2017 8:03pm

Secretary

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