

Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Agenda

February 8, 2018

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Community Room, MassLive Building
1350 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Springfield, MA 01103**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Public Speak Out (15 minutes)
- III. POSTPONED: Presentation on health issues related to women and girls (30 minutes)
 - a. Guest Speaker: Jessica Collins, Executive Director, Public Health Institute of Western MA Committee Sessions
- IV. Approval of minutes from January 11, 2018 meeting
- V. Chair report
- VI. Vice Chair report
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications/Social Media
 - b. Program & Planning
 - c. Legislative (bylaws)
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Subcommittee minutes
 - b. Discussion and follow up from January speaker
 - c. Review of locations for upcoming meetings
 - d. MCSW AAUW Start Smart/Work Start Trainings
- IX. New Business
 - a. Discussion of potential regional public hearing
 - b. New commissioner update
- X. Any Other Items that may Lawfully Come Before this Body
- XI. Adjournment

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Dawn Forbes DiStefano
Michelle Goncalves
Patricia Hallberg

Jennifer Metsch
Ellen Moorhouse
Nicole Murray

Arlene Rodriguez
Shanique Spalding

February 4, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

Let this serve as notice pursuant to Open Meeting Law, M.G.L.c. 30A sections 18-25 of a meeting of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HCCSWG).

On April 25, 2017, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women inaugurated nine commissioners to a newly formed regional commission created to study and report the status of women and girls in Hampden County. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is "a state-established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality." The regional commissions have been created to target specific geographical regions to make sure that the needs of women across the state are met.

Our next meeting will be held on February 8, 2018 in the Community Room of the MassLive Building, 1350 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Springfield, MA 01103 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

This meeting is open to the public and we encourage members of the community to attend. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to present anything they wish the Commission to consider. Anyone who wishes to speak during this allotted time should email the HCCSWG Chairperson, Nicole Murray, at HCCSWG@gmail.com with their intention so the HCCSWG may plan accordingly. Members of the public will only be recognized by the Commission to speak during the opening public presentation segment, and only if prior notice is provided.

Sincerely,

Michelle Goncalves
Secretary, HCCSWG

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