

Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

DRAFT Minutes

March 15, 2018

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West Springfield Town Hall
Mayor's Conference Room
26 Central Street – 2nd Floor
West Springfield, MA 01089

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. 6:01 PM Called to order
 - b. Present: Goncalves, Distefano, Rodriguez, Hallberg, Metsch, Spalding (arrived at 6:30 PM), Spruell (arrived at 6:53 PM)
 - c. Absent: Murray, Moorhouse
- II. Public Speak Out
 - a. No speaking requests were made to the commission
- III. Presentation by Jessica Collins, Executive Director, Public Health Institute of Western MA
 - a. Guest presenter: Jessie Gleckel, Senior Research Associate, PHIWM
 - b. Public Health Institute of Western MA (PHIWM) is formerly Partners for a Healthier Community, a 501c3 in Springfield which has been around for 20 years. It is largely based in Springfield, but now doing regional work as well – serves all of the Pioneer Valley.
 - c. PHIWM roles
 - i. PHIWM does research assessment and program evaluation and distributes data to the community to ensure appropriate responses to public health issues
 1. E.g. did the health impact assessment on Casino for Springfield and the Community health needs assessment for regional hospitals
 - ii. PHIWM works to do coalition building to advocate for policy changes and/or conduct research

d. Collins and Gleckel presented data from a survey of 8th graders in Springfield. This was done in partnership with MLK Jr family services, Gandara Center, and the City of Spfld Health and Human Services Dept. The overall survey is 100+ questions, and PHIWM shared select public health findings for male and female children in Springfield.

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i. Data is available on the PHIWM website for public consumption
www.publichealthwm.org

e. PHIWM is in the process of drafting a Health Equity Report, which should be out late April/early May 2018.

f. HCCSWG can post a link to the interactive data on its Facebook page

IV. Subcommittee Meetings

a. Moved into subcommittees at 6:35 PM.

V. Approval of minutes from February 8, 2018 meeting

a. Metsch moves to accept meeting minutes; Spalding seconds. Passes unanimously (Rodriguez not present during vote).

VI. Chair report

a. Chair absent; no report

VII. Vice Chair report

a. Patch Bill (patient confidentiality bill) has passed the House and Senate and will be ready for the Governor to sign. Likely that the Governor will sign. If this passes, the session will have included two priority bills for women and girls.

b. Advocacy Day is May 16 on Beacon Hill and spearheaded by the state commission.

c. DiStefano moves to accept vice chair report; Rodriguez seconds, all in favor.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Communications/Social Media

a. Facebook page is up and interacting. Email is linked.

b. Subcommittee discussed page content and building content outside of meetings.

- i. Possibly working with legislative committee to share content about legislative initiatives and around things that the statewide commission is doing.
- ii. Commissioners who have events to share on the page should invite the commission to the event or invite Spalding to the event so she can post.

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- c. Committee is in the process of creating guidelines for how social media should be handled – how, when, what to post.
 - d. Analytics – no reviews, about 168 likes on the page. Commissioners are encouraged to like and share the page.
 - e. Suggestion was made for a content calendar to manage
 - f. Metsch moves to accept subcommittee report; Rodriguez seconds; all in favor
- b. Program & Planning
- a. Committee continued discussion of public hearing November 9
 - b. Discussion of partnership with existing conferences
 - i. Discussion of CHD annual conference.
 - 1. This is focused on women in the justice system and clinical focused
 - ii. Other organizations considered: Girl Scouts
 - iii. Because we are specific to Hampden County, we need to focus on Hampden County for the public forum and the events may pull from a larger audience. However, partnerships outside of a public forum may be a way to move forward collaborations
 - c. Commissioners are encouraged to look for events that the commission may be able to partner with in the coming months.
 - d. Can the program committee create a program calendar that the social media group can use to promote events?
 - e. Rodriguez moves to approve committee minutes; Spalding seconds; all in favor
- c. Legislative (bylaws)

a. State commission gave regional commissions attendance requirements, and DiStefano incorporated into the HCCSWG bylaws.

i. Hallberg motion to accept the bylaws draft; Metsch seconds; no discussion; all in favor

ii. Chair Murray will be asked to forward to the state commission.

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b. Act Supporting Working Parents

i. Committee wants to request letterhead template from the MCSW and draft a letter from the regional commission in support of the Act.

ii. Goncalves motions for the committee to request letterhead and draft a letter from the HCCSWG to review at the next meeting; Hallberg seconds; all in favor.

c. Act Relative to Healthy Youth focused on comprehensive sexual education is now sitting in healthcare and financing committee and needs to be moved out of committee to be voted on. Includes information on LGBTQ inclusivity and safe relationship; sex ed remains an opt out program. This is the 8th time the bill has been pushed forward.

d. Human Trafficking event will take place March 26

e. A question was raised about if we are able to support legislation that is not on the MCSW legislative priority list.

f. Spalding moves to have the HCCSWG social media committee promote the Healthy Youth Postcard Party on Sunday, March 25 @ 1 PM at the Springfield Central Library; Spruell seconds; all in favor. Passes.

g. Hallberg motions to accept committee report; Metsch seconds; all in favor. Passes

IX. Old Business

a. Discussion of using consent agendas

i. Tabled until the next meeting

X. New Business

a. May 1 HCCSWG Annual Report

i. Annual Report is filed every year and is an overview of the things that we have done all year. Should reflect recent events, new membership, bylaws creation, start of subcommittee work, etc.

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ii. Motion to bring items that can be used in the report; seconded by DiStefano

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b. Change of date for April HCCSWG meeting

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i. Goncalves moves that the HCCSWG change its April meeting to Monday, April 23 @ 6 -8 PM; Hallberg seconds; all in favor

c. Should HCCSWG consider a bus to bring members of the community to advocacy day?

i. Hallberg will look into options and report back to the committee.

d. HCCSWG received a Facebook request to cohost Advocacy Day

i. Goncalves moves that we should cohost the Facebook event as long as the event is the official meeting from the state; DiStefano seconds; all in favor.

XI. Any Other Items that may Lawfully Come Before this Body

XII. Adjournment

a. Move to adjourn 7:57 PM; Metsch seconds; all in favor