

**Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**

**DRAFT Minutes**

November 8, 2018

7:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Chicopee Boys and Girls Club  
580 Meadow St, Chicopee, MA 01013

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - a. Called to order 7:34 PM
  - b. Roll call
    - i. Present: Jennifer Metsch, Nicole Murray, Pattie Hallberg, Shanique Spalding, Dawn Distefano, Shaitia Spruell, Ellen Moorhouse, Michelle Goncalves
  - c. Commissioner Liz Friedman present
- II. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2018 meeting
  - a. Hallberg moves to accept minutes. Metsch seconds. Motion passes.
    - i. Murray, DeStefano, Moorhouse abstain
- III. Chair report
  - a. Grant was submitted to MCSW for \$750 for pens, tablecloth, and food for our legislative breakfast.
    - i. Chair requests that December meeting include discussion of the legislative breakfast.
  - b. Regional health care groups (Baystate, Mercy) are working on the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and will be conducting focus groups in this area to gather information about local health concerns and social health disparities.
    - i. Chair DiStefano notified commission of the ACO roll out and need for our commission to pay attention to this
  - c. Western MA Businesses Against Human Trafficking has formally formed. The businesses will receive training on how to train their employees to identify trafficking. A large training will take place on January 23.
    - i. Chair DiStefano is on the Businesses Against Human Trafficking committee and will keep the HCCSWG updated on new initiatives.
  - d. Moorhouse moves to accept chair report. Spruell seconds. Passes unanimously.
- IV. Vice Chair report

- a. MCSW is hosting Semi Annual Convening of Regional Commissions on 12/6 in Worcester.
  - i. Chair DiStefano will coordinate carpools via email.
- b. Legislative session will start in January. Commissioners are encouraged to look for issues that on which we should advocate.
- c. Sexual Health Lobby Day is January 17.
- d. Metsch moves to accept vice chair report. Moorhouse seconds. Passes unanimously.

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V. Old Business

- a. Fall HCCSWG Hearing
  - i. Follow up - Attendees will be emailed and thanked for attending and for speaking. Reminding them to submit written testimony and including a link to our survey. Include a link to our Facebook page
    - 1. Commissioner Spalding will follow up with the attendees.
  - ii. December meeting will discuss what to do with the testimony, including possible meetings with the Hampden County legislative delegation.
  - iii. HCCSWG will have to write a report to MCSW on the testimony.
- b. Constituent/Community Survey
  - i. Commissioners are asked to circulate the survey and to discuss how to better circulate the survey to county.
    - 1. Commissioner Spalding will discuss with her colleagues the best way to engage senior centers.
    - 2. Commissioner Spalding will post in the Facebook event.
- c. MCSW Turners Falls Hearing on 10/25
  - i. 100 people came out to testify.
  - ii. Many speeches were structured to share a personal story, statistics, and policy suggestions, which was a good format.
  - iii. MCSW will be culling the testimony to send policy suggestions to legislators.

VI. New Business

- a. No new business

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

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Hallberg moved to adjourn. Moorhouse seconded.

b. Public Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

IX. Executive Session

- a. Metsch moved to enter executive session. Moorhouse seconded. Motion passed unanimously. HCCSWG entered executive session at 8:12 PM to discuss the ranking of new commissioner applications.

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