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

July 8, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29>

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Facebook Livestream: [Link](#)

Please contact hccswg@gmail.com for the meeting password

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Gabrielle called to order at 6:14PM
 - A. To get the meeting started Gabrielle asked us to do an icebreaker exercise. Each member present discussed who they would like to reconnect with.
 - B. Present at the meeting
 1. Tara Marshall
 2. Jackie Velez
 3. Gabrielle Jackson
 4. Pattie Hallberg-had to leave at 7pm
 5. Jennifer Metsch
 6. Lizzy Ortiz
 - C. Not Present
 1. Michelle Gncalves
 2. Shanique Spalding
 3. Dawn Distefano
- II. Discussion with our featured guest, Ysabel Garcia, MPH - Founder of Estoy Aqui
- III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)
 - A. No members of the public were present
- IV. Approval of minutes from June 10, 2021
 - A. Jen made a motion to approve, Jackie seconded the motion. All approved. Jackie had a question about what was discussed for a September meeting speaker. Tara abstained due to not present
- V. Chair Report
 - A. No updates at this time
- VI. Vice-Chair Report
 - A. Sent info from Rachel Roth about what we can do about the prison moratorium. Suggested Rachel come speak to us about it.
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. HCCSWG Leadership Team Meeting
 - B. Upcoming Events
 1. No Meeting in August- Summer Break
 2. [2021-2022 Meeting Calendar](#)
 3. In-person/Hybrid event planning

4. September 9th Meeting featured guest -

a) We will meet in person in September. Tara has to find a library for us to meet.

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IX. TBD Mass Commission Updates

A. Planning for a September Regional Convening

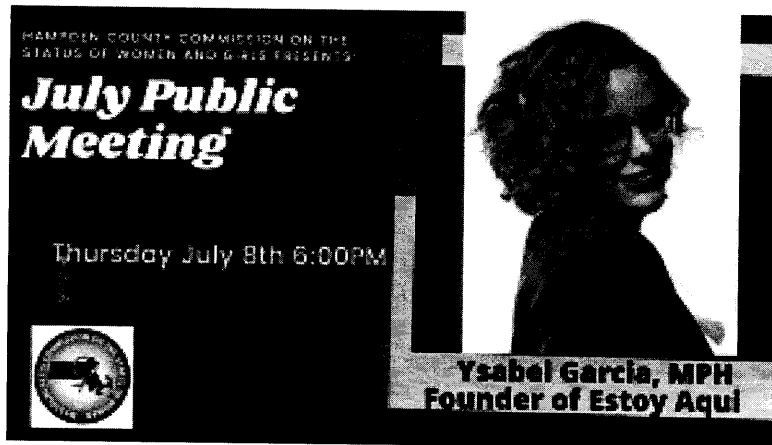
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B. Collaboration with our Liaison for more events with elected leaders.

X. Jennifer made a motion to adjourn, Tara made a motion, Jackie seconded, all in favor. 7:31 PM

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About Our Featured Guest:



Ysabel Garcia (she/her/hers) MPH, is a suicide prevention and social justice educator who uses her story as a first-generation Dominican immigrant and psychiatric survivor to dismantle myths about mental health and

suicide in her community. She is the founder of Estoy Aqui, an initiative that highlights the sociocultural factors surrounding suicide in the Latino/Latinx and the Black community by providing racial justice training, intergroup dialogue, and circle practice. Specifically, her outreach program called La Cultura Sana promotes sources of culturally relevant mental health support to lower dependence on the criminal justice and psychiatric system.