



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

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November 8, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

Let this serve as a 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 Thursday, November 11, 2021, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In light of current public health recommendations for social distancing and state restrictions around public gatherings, and in observance of the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Required Provisions of the Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020), this meeting will take place online at:**

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29VZDRqZStkQT>

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**Attendees are asked to contact [hccswg@gmail.com](mailto:hccswg@gmail.com) in advance of the meeting to receive the meeting password.**

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, Gabrielle Jackson, at [HCCSWG@gmail.com](mailto: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,

Tara Marshall  
Secretary, HCCSWG

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

November 11, 2021 1 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom: [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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Facebook Livestream: [Link](#) Please contact [hccswg@gmail.com](mailto:hccswg@gmail.com) for the meeting password

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Discussion with our featured guest, Margaret Tantillo, Executive Director of Dress for Success Western Mass

III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)

IV. Approval of minutes from Oct. 14th, 2021 as well as September 2021

V. Chair Report

VI. Vice-Chair Report

VII. Old Business

b. Commission Updates / Role Changes

VIII. New Business

a. Strategic Planning and Priorities for the year

i. Calendar of events

b. Next Meeting- December 9, 2021

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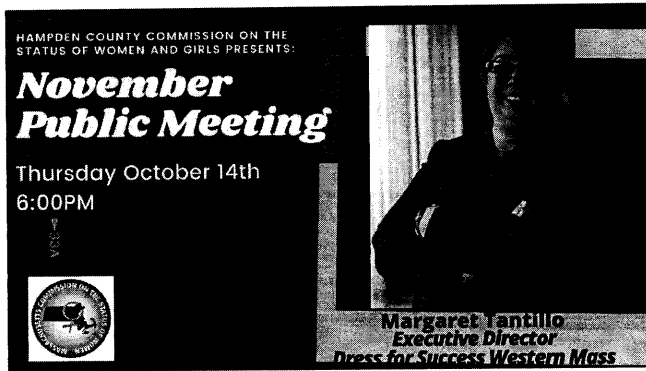
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Mass Commission Updates

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

**About Our Featured Guest:**



**Margaret Tantillo**, Executive Director of Dress for Success Western MA has over twenty years of experience and proven success in non-profit management. She is experienced in strategic planning, philanthropy, governance, board relations, and program management, and has previously worked for the YMCA, American Cancer Society and Girl Scouts of Connecticut.

Throughout her career, Margaret has had a strong commitment and worked to improve the lives of women and girls. Margaret started the first Girl Scout Advocacy Day at the Capital in Hartford, Connecticut, and served in a senior leadership position transitioning five independent nonprofits into one statewide organization with over 65,000 members and an eleven-million-dollar budget.

Volunteer leadership roles include serving on the Core Economic Mobility Hub of the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, the Coordinating Committee of the Alliance for Digital Equity, and part of the Leadership of Springfield WORKS.

Margaret earned her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and her master's degree from Springfield College. Margaret expresses her creative side through quilting and gardening and currently resides in Westfield, MA with her wife Terrie and her rambunctious dog Airlie.

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