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December 5, 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, December 9, 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 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 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 December Public Meeting Agenda

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

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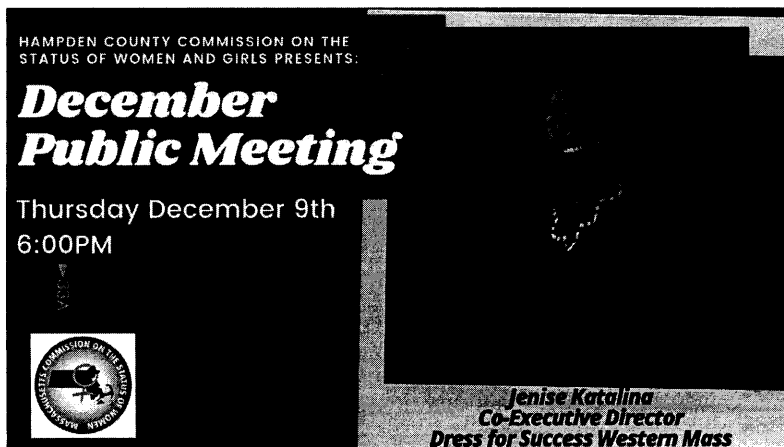
Facebook Livestream: [Link](#) Please contact hccswg@gmail.com for the meeting password

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Discussion with our featured guest, Jenese Katalina, Co-Executive Director of Women of Color Health Equity Collect
- III. Public Speak Out (15 min.)
- IV. Approval of minutes from October 2021 as well as November 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- January 13, 2022

VIII. Mass Commission Updates

- a. New Executive Director Meeting - Dec. 6th at 12:00PM

About Our Featured Guest:



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Jenise Katalina is the Vice President of the Board of Directors and Co-Executive Director for the Women of Color Health Equity Collect, a movement building nonprofit organization based out of Western Mass that is focused on supporting women and girls of color achieving their optimal health and well-being.

Jenise Katalina is also the Healthy Families Resource Specialist at the Children's Trust, a statewide agency focused on stopping child abuse in Massachusetts. In this role, she provides training and technical assistance to program management in home visiting programs across the state with a focus on implementing policies and practice with a racial equity lens.

Before joining the Children's Trust, Jenise served as the Vice President of Family Services at Square One, a community based non-profit in Springfield, Massachusetts. She joined the Square One team in September of 2011 as a Healthy Families Home Visitor and quickly excelled through multiple managerial positions. Jenise's prior experience includes management roles within residential programs for latency-age children and gang aversion programs for teen youth in Springfield.

Jenise received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Westfield State University and her Master of Social Work degree from Springfield College. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Massachusetts and a certified trainer in multiple trauma focused models, specifically focusing on multi-generational families. She has studied under the founders of the Culturally Humility Framework and has offered technical assistance and training to multiple institutions striving to incorporate a Racial Equity lens into their institution.

Jenise Katalina serves on multiple interdisciplinary workgroups and initiatives focused on Racial Equity at the state and community level. She also serves as an adjunct faculty for the Springfield College Master Social Work program. In addition, Jenise supports the career growth of women of color through clinical supervision, career mentoring and coaching.