**Montgomery County Commission for Women**

Thursday, June 11, 2020

7:00 P.M.

On-line meeting via Zoom

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| **Attending** | **Not Attending** | **Guests** |
| Nicole Drew - President  Donna Rojas - 1st Vice President  Diana Rubin - 2nd Vice President  Tiffany Boiman - Recording Secretary  Isabel Argoti  Mona-Lee Belizaire  Tonia Bui  Ijeoma Enendu  Patti Maclay  Giulia McPherson  Angela Whitehead Quigley  Diana Rubin  Tricia Swanson  Meredith Weisel  **Staff**  Jodi Finkelstein | Tazeen Ahmad  Adrienne Prentice |  |

**Minutes**

**I.         WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  (Guests should introduce themselves)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA Commissioner Drew**

* The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Drew.
* No changes were made to the agenda; Commissioner Boiman moved to adopt minutes and agenda; Commissioner McPherson seconded.

**III.        EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Commissioner Drew**

* Per Commissioner Drew,intent to run forms are due at the July meeting, and a nominations coordinator is needed to pull together the forms and draw up the slate. Commissioners can also run from the floor at the next meeting. Commissioner Enendu will work with Executive Director Finkelstein on the slate.
* Reimbursement forms are due June 15th, for the period spanning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
* Volunteers are needed for the selection committee for Commissioner McPherson’s vacating seat.

1. **Commission volunteerism (work through Programming):**

* A few commissioners assisted with an Up to Us food distribution event, and there is another one coming up this Saturday where volunteers are needed. There’s a sign up genius to use if interested.
* Commissioners decided on three CFW activities at the last meeting: Up to Us volunteering, Councilmember Jawando’s story hour (no response from staff member; may have to abandon this); and the virtual meet the commissioners event.

1. **CFW Statement**

* Commissioner Weisel and other commissioners suggested editing the statement to read, “*Even* when the present moment is over…”
* Commissioner Maclay suggested a hyperlink to SOW report.
* Executive Director Finkelstein inquired about the intended timeline for posting and explained she will alert and share with PIO; then can post to social media.
* Commissioners can send edits to Commissioner Rubin. Commissioner Belizaire noted a spelling change to read “Arbery.” Commissioners were unanimous in their approval to post the statement. It will be amplified on Facebook and Twitter.

1. **Listening Tour**

* President Drew recommended reprising listening sessions and an accompanying survey to gauge emerging needs and concerns related to Covid, in conjunction with the County Council and County Executive in executing the listening sessions and accompanying survey.
* Commissioner Enendu inquired about asking the Crisis Center or AAHP if they have data/information about Covid-related needs?
* Commissioner Bui asked if this is an opportunity to revisit or expand upon the Status of Women report findings and priority areas?
* Commissioner Argoti asked if CFW could conduct sessions in Spanish and other languages?
* Commissioner Maclay noted that fetal/infant mortality is another issue of concern to track.
* Executive Director Finkelstein explained CFW had a task force of Commissioners to set these up.
* President Drew suggested reaching out to Senior Centers, Housing Opportunity Commissions, and other key demographics and that Commissioners take turns facilitating discussion;
* Commissioner Belizaire offered to help on maternal/fetal mortality; Commissioners Swanson and Weisel offered to help, too.
* Annual reports are due soon, generally around August. Jodi mentioned needing programming from last year and the President’s letter from last year. The deadline for this year’s reports are on or before this year’s August meeting date, August 13th, at Rubin’s suggestion that we set a firm date for submitting.

1. **Congressman John Sarbanes meeting:**

* President Drew reminded that there was discussion at the last meeting about accepting this offer of a meeting. expansion of paid sick leave, treatment of federal workers, Covid, Medicare, and will not do jointly with Human Trafficking. Executive Director will address his committee assignments.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Executive Director Finkelstein**

a. Program Manager: Per Executive Director Finkelstein, the county is in a hiring freeze, but she is working

on getting an exemption to move forward with program manager recruitment.

**V.        COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Policy and Legislation**  **Commissioners Rubin/Boiman**

* No report.

b.  **Program Planning**  **Commissioner Enendu**

* No report.

c.  **Budget** **Commissioner McPherson**

* The budget committee met and continued conversation on how to track CFW spending; talked about reviewing big line items in restricted budget, particularly WLB.
* Executive Director Finkelstein will develop an internal tracking mechanism so that more routine budget updates can be provided to the members of the Commission.
* Per Commissioner McPherson, there will be no Budget Committee Chair after June when her term ends.

      d.  **Research and Evaluation** **Commissioner Prentice**

* No report

e. **Emerging Leaders** **Commissioners Belizaire/Weisel**

* Per Commissioner Weisel, the Girl Power contest has 18 online entries so far and runs until June 26th.
* The contest needs additional promotion, as well as reviewers.

f.  **Public Relations** **Commissioner** **Argoti**

* Commissioner Argoti noted that September 1st is the deadline for logo contest; CFW will recognize the winner at a subsequent meeting and through website and social media recognition.
* The winning logo can also be displayed on screens in public buildings when they re-open.
* Commissioner Argoti has activated a central google photos drive.

g. **WLB** **Commissioners Rojas/Ahmad**

* No report.

**VI.       LIAISON REPORTS**

1. **MLAW**                                                                                 **Commissioner** **McPherson**

* Ballots for the new slate have been sent to all MLAW members, with a June 12 deadline for voting. The next meeting is later this month.
* The MLAW legislative briefing will be virtual as well, this year.

1. **HTPC/DV:**                                                                              **Commissioners Rojas/Drew**

* Human Trafficking held a meeting on May 20th and HB 206, HB 242, SB206, HB246, SB XXX were discussed, as passing this session.
* The local bodyworks bill is on hold for Covid focus. Other pandemic issues for trafficking victims include barriers to support services, UI access, etc.
* There was meeting discussion about the issue of Covid access to testing, but that there may be some reluctance for this population to pursue testing.
* The Bus campaign is still under development; looking for volunteers for a potential January 2021 launch. MCPS is developing an awareness campaign contest.
* No DV report.

1. **Maryland Commission for Women**                                           **Executive Director Finkelstein**

* No report.

1. **Choose Respect (Respectfest)**                                             **Commissioner Whitehead Quigley**

* No report.

**VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Only those with updates to report out)**

1. **CFW Scholarship**                                                                   **Commissioners Maclay/Argoti**

* No report.

1. **Social Committee**                                                                   **Commissioner Rojas**
2. **S2020**  **Commissioners** **Bui/Maclay**

* Per Commissioner Maclay, the event is still scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, as a virtual event. The goal of the event is to engage, entertain, and educate the public.
* Dr. Robyn Muncy will be the featured guest.
* Per Commissioner Bui, the committee is looking for a high-profile moderator to conduct the interview with Dr. Muncy.
* At least two songs will be performed; there will be lots of historical features and will feature Girl Power contest winners.
* The event will be live on YouTube and FB Live at 7:00 pm that day.

1. **By-Laws** **Commissioner** **Drew**

* The committee is preparing a list of amendments, which will be ready on or before the next meeting.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND/OR NEW BUSINESS**

* Commissioner McPherson is closing out her second term on CFW, having served from July 2014 through June 2020. Her service and spirit have much to the work of the Commission and have been greatly appreciated.
* Former Commissioner Hogue recently delivered a healthy baby girl.
* Per Commissioner Weisel, the County Council introduced a resolution to make racism a public health issue and is inviting public comments, so CFW might want to build its support into the George Floyd statement. The vote will take place this coming Tuesday, per Commissioner Swanson. Commissioner Weisel will draft a short statement supporting the resolution.

**IX. ADJOURN**

* Commissioner Rojas moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Maclay seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm .

Upcoming Events:

* Girl Power Contest June 26 deadline