**Montgomery County Commission for Women**

Thursday, July 8, 2021

7:00 P.M. ---On-line meeting via Zoom

**Attendance**

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| **Attending** | **Not Attending** | **Guests** |
| Donna Rojas – President  Diana Rubin - 2nd Vice President  Patti Maclay - Secretary  Isabel Argoti  Tonia Bui  Arlinda Clark  Nicole Drew  Ijeoma Enendu  Jan Molino  Betty Romero  Chai Shenoy  Angela Whitehead Quigley  **Staff**  Jodi Finkelstein  Rose Allen  Oyin Thompson  Isabella Gunther - Intern  Ethan Schenker - Intern | Tricia Swanson  Meredith Weisel |  |

**MINUTES**

**I.       WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** (No guests. All meetings recorded)

President Rojas called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA President Rojas**

* Commissioner Bui moved to approve the June meeting minutes and the July meeting agenda amended to include the addition of a DVCC report. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

**III.       EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT President Rojas**

* President Rojas reported on the need for Commissioners to sign-up to serve on CFW Standing Committees. The list of Committees has been sent to Commissioners by Executive Director Finkelstein.

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

* A request was made for Commissioners to sign-up for CFW’s 50th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee.
* The Montgomery County Community Engagement Cluster has had a number of changes with three of the Regional Service Directors retiring and one transferring into the County Executive’s Office as liaison to the County Council. Executive Director Finkelstein has been appointed to be the Supervisor for the Back-Office Team.
* The CFW office has been cleaned and members can return if they desire.

**V.        I2021 – 2022 CFW Executive Officers Slate Commissioner Enendu**

Chair: Donna Rojas with no other nominations from the floor

1st Vice President: Patricia Maclay MD with Arlinda Clark nominated from the floor by Commissioner Nicole Drew

2nd Vice President: Tonia Bui v Arlinda Clark

Secretary: Isabel Argoti

No additional nominations from the floor. The election will be held at the August CFW meeting.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Research and Evaluation Commissioner Shanoy**

* Commissioner Shanoy reported that the Committee is in the process of re-organizing and exploring possible topics for research.

**b. Public Relations**  **Commissioner Argoti**

* CFW will be tabling at the Wheaton Arts Parade event on September 19, 2021. Commissioners can sign up for shifts to work the event.
* A request was made for Commissioners who have not yet submitted a statement for the “Meet the Commissioner” campaign in July to do so. The goal is to introduce Commissioners to the community.
* Oyin Thompson and the team of CFW interns released the new Human Trafficking social media campaign. Commissioners were asked to share the information on their own social media feeds.

**VI.       LIAISON REPORTS**

**DVCC                                                                           Commissioner Drew**

* Commissioner Drew reported on the work of the DVCC. The Victim Services Subcommittee is restarting a program to provide advocacy and legal services to victims. This will include pro bono work by local attorneys who will be trained on the issues related to domestic violence.
* A Safe-Start Program for children of domestic violence has been revamped from the virtual format used last year to an in-person program this year.
* Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) is in the planning stage.
* The Family Violence Prevention Campaign is being promoted with cards in multiple languages as used in past years. Added to the effort will be the collection of information from victims so as to evaluate the efficacy of this method. Commissioners were requested to help distribute the cards to the public. .
* The bus educational campaign on domestic violence is being repeated again this year and funding will be needed. CFW contributed to last year’s campaign.
* RespectFest is in the planning stage for next year’s event.

**VII.    AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

No reports

**VIII. Old Business**

**CFW face masks**

Exec. Dir. Finkelstein had no updates but will follow up and report.

**IX. New Business/Announcements**

* Commissioner Clark asked when the WLB planning will commence. Executive Director Finkelstein said brainstorming is usually done in August with the first official meeting in September. Chair Rojas offered that the Programming Committee usually starts first, followed by the gathering of the entire Planning Committee
* Questions were answered about the format of voting to be used for the Executive Committee slate election at the August CFW meeting.

**X. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by President Rojas at 7:39 PM