

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**THURSDAY, September 7th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Nicole Bennett, Ashley Hazelrig, A'ame Joslin (virtual), Eliza Carey (virtual), Shatoyia Moss, Ava Bennett, Kathleen Sobiech (MCWC), Nejla Routsong, Megan McCool/IU Students

BCSW Goals:

- Identify the needs of, resources for, and services available to women in order to improve opportunities for women in Bloomington.
- To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of services that benefit women.
- To educate ourselves on federal, state and local issues as they relate to women and identify participation efforts to assure women's equity. Strategy will include issuing publications, materials, and research findings and educational opportunities for our community.
- To maintain a close liaison with other women's commissions and advocacy groups.

Call to Order

NO QUORUM

Guest Introductions

- Megan McCool and students
 - IU Professor Megan McCool will have students from her Community Creative Writing Course attending our Commission meetings throughout the fall semester

CAPS Commission – Alternative Public Safety Report

- Nejla Routsong presented info on the CAPS Commission's Alternative Public Safety Report.
 - Commissioners are advised to follow-up with the CAPS Commission directly if they would like more information on this report or its recommendations

Young Women's Leadership Summit

- Select topic/theme
 - Group discussed potential themes and topics
 - Justice, Rights, and Bodily Autonomy
 - How to be civically engaged
 - Creating safe spaces, being supportive of each other
 - Digital space, how to interact with others
 - Decided on "My Voice, My Choice, My Rejoice" – 2023 YWLS Theme
 - Justice, Rights, and Bodily Autonomy
 - Leadership
 - Celebration Yourself
 - Discussed potential speakers
 - Shruti Rana – Marissa to send request
 - Naomi Young – already committed
 - Manón Voice – Marissa/Shatoyia will set up meeting time
 - Marissa Churchill, emcee – Marissa will send request
 - Volunteers
 - Marissa will send sign-up to BCSW and Monroe County Women's Commission

New Business

- Youth Mental Health Service
 - Discussed partnering with Commission on the Status of Children and Youth to create a resource guide of mental health services for children in Bloomington/Monroe County

Old Business

- Women's Market Wrap-Up
 - Women's Market went great!
 - 31 total vendors
 - Great feedback – will likely do again next year
 - Total cost was >\$300

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – August minutes

Table until October

Liaison Report

Updates

- Communication
- Legislature
 - Bathroom letter update
 - No update, may gain more traction after the first of the year
- Community Partnerships
 - Partnership with MCDVC on domestic violence campaign
 - Drafts of poster series
 - Marissa shared drafts of posters
 - We hope to have finalized versions by the date of YWLS
 - Partnership with Safe and Civil City Program on Young Women's Leadership Summit
 - Select topic/theme
 - See above

Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
- High School Liaisons

Public Input

Adjournment