

## MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, July 7, 2016

**The next BCSW meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2016, 5:30pm. BCSW meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend.**

**Commissioners Present:** Beth Freidman-Kirk, Penny Githens, Cathi Crabtree, Debby Herbenick, Toby Strout, Jacqueline Fernette, Regina Moore

**Commissioners Absent:** Kristi McCann

**County Commissioner Present:** Debby Herbenick

**Staff Present:** Sue Owens, Community and Family Resources Department

**Public Present:** Elyssa Campodónico- general counsel of IU interested in looking for a way to work on her passion for women's issues

**Community Volunteer Present:** Ashley Hazelrig

1. Call to Order  
5:36 by Debby
2. Discussion – Cornelius Wright – Commission on the Status of Black Males
3. Request for Additional Agenda Items  
None
4. Approval of Minutes – May (No June meeting)  
Regina moves to accept, Cathi seconds. Motion passes.
5. Old Business
  - A. WHM Lunch and WLD Event  
-date for 2017 WHM Lunch is Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
Toby asks if the ticket fee factored into the loss for the luncheon. Regina says many things were taken into account. Debby says the city didn't buy as many tables, the ticket fee, the sound was also a charge. Penny says there were fewer booths. The different way to sale tickets also may have caused a lower amount of sales.  
  
Cathi says the keynote subcommittee has been in contact, but no dates have been set to formally meet.
  - B. Monroe County Women's Commission Report (Debby)  
Regina went to the meeting and gave input that we should go to the presidential inauguration and make arrangements to partner with the City Commission and sponsor a bus to go to DC. Cathi says that a contingency plan could be to get a night crawler bus. Toby says she would like a little more structure. Regina says we should be able to get community women to get out for something as exciting as the swearing in of the first female president. Cathi asks what their feedback was from the inauguration idea. Regina says it was positive.
  - C. High School Liaison check-in  
Debby asks if Regina has had any follow up to contact the high school contacts.
- New Business
  - A. Local issues related to violence against women

The group will be meeting on Saturday. There has been dialogue with The Institute for Strangulation Prevention in hope to get them to Bloomington. Middle Way House would be a good partner to set up an event. Cathi says the event would cost \$5000.00. Debby says she could contribute through the school of public health. Penny suggested the Safe and Civil City Group. Debby suggested the law school. Penny suggests the feminist group. Regina says the previously known women's organization email is possibly out of date. Toby asks about Criminal Justice Department.

B. Liaison Report

No report

C. Collaboration with Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs – Voter Literacy Event

No report

D. Discuss way to recognize women of color and address their issues (Penny and Debra)

No report

E. Future Planning

Debby will be sending out the survey monkey link. The questions will be focused on what interests will be important to the commission and what people would want to do for the commission in those areas. Debby also discussed the possibility of her sex salon series doing an event on painful intercourse, which happened to be one of the areas of interest brought up in the past by the commission. Debby wants to know if commissioners can network with health care providers to see if they would be interested in meeting for this type of event.

F. Leadership Scholarship Initiative

Jacqueline says that the recent scholarship applications are not tying back women's issues in the community. She wants us to add verbiage in the prompt that would encourage that type of application instead of general knowledge for the individual. Debby says the issue has been brought up in the past. We have come to the conclusion that priority would be given to applications that voice a direct impact to the women in our community. Cathi says we wanted to encourage women impacting women and our community. Debby says that discussion suggests that we add that applicants be aware that "priority is given to applicants that demonstrate the likelihood that there will be a direct impact on women in the community." Regina asks if we can review the budget for the scholarships and how much has been awarded this year. Sue will verify how much has been awarded in 2016. Jacqueline voices a concern that we have a treasurer because we often asks questions about our budget. Sue says the city wants the commissions to request money and have it reviewed and approved by the city.

- Public Input

None

- Adjournment

6:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Hazelrig