

|City of Bloomington, IN

August 2017 CSW Minutes

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday, August 3, 2017 5:30PM

McCloskey Room, Suite 135

City Hall

401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN

Commissioners Present: Jacqueline Fernette, Penny Githens, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Regina Moore, Zaira Hernandez

Commissioners Absent: Sylvia Martinez, Maqube Reese, Beth Friedman Kirk

County Commissioner Present: Monica Dignam

High School Adjunct Members Present: None

Staff Liaison Present: Sue Owens

Community Volunteer Recorder Present: Donna Goings

Community Guests present: Olivia Humphreys—Centerstone (CCPE grant); Julius Hanks (doctoral candidate for IU School of Public Health and Diversity; Kathleen Hugo (interested in women issues) and her daughter Lisi (a student at Bloomington North)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Debby at 5:37 pm.

Presentation: Olivia Humphreys from Centerstone made a presentation about the Community Capacity for Prevention and Education grant. Matthew Clay is Program Manager. The focus of the grant is to reduce, and ultimately prevent, the onset of substance abuse and HIV among 13-24-year-olds in Monroe Count. There is work being done on sustainability after the 5-year time of the grant is completed. One result of the grant is the Aldridge Project which a partnership between CCPE and IU School of Nursing. IU students implement the Say It Straight practices in other counties. CCPE is working in schools systems, in boys and girls clubs, and other such organizations. The grant is also written to address. RESPECT participants are tested for HIV and are also screened for viral hepatitis and then referred out as needed. Sexual assault and prevention are topics addressed with RESPECT participants

Additions to Agenda:

- Discussion on award chair
- Newsletter
- North High School representative

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 2017 were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Old Business-A. WHM Lunch—March 21, 2018

Jacqueline stated the planning committee has started to meet to begin securing speaker. Three candidates in order of preference include Byllye Avery, a gay African-American who started a black women’s health initiative; Bonnie J. Morris, a professor of women’s studies and Title 9 expert from California; and a judge from Indianapolis. Concern was expressed about the travel expenses of the first two candidates. One suggestion is to partner with IU Public Health to bring in Byllye Avery. Penny moved and Regina seconded a motion that the planning committee could spend \$1500 to secure the speaker for lunch. Motion was approved.

The planning committee would like to expand the committee with other volunteers. Regina will contact the County Commission and will ask the League of Women Voters. Another suggestion was to include a member from NOW. The committee would like to have an additional commissioner on the committee to help provide continuity. There are currently three on the committee but two will be stepping away due to prior commitments and Jacqueline’s term ends in January.

The award committee needs a new chair. Disappointment was expressed about the lack of number of award nominees and everyone was asked to put out info on their private networks and social media in August. An edit needs to be made on the web site about the name of the Toby Strout Lifetime Achievement award. Sue will make the change. A suggestion was made to ask applicants on the application how their accomplishments have served women and girls in community and to focus on activities outside their job role and not what they are paid for. Penny and Jacqueline volunteered to serve on the award committee and Ashley is willing to chair.

Old Business-B. Equal Pay Day Event

The Commission wants to continue with this event. July 30 is Black Women’s equal pay day, and Hispanic equal pay day is even later in the year. Perhaps these additional dates or at least the concept could be included in planning for next year’s event. One idea is to have an event on July 30. Doing an event on April Equal Pay Day is challenging due to the other two big Commission events in March. An additional suggestion is to do two events and have different supporting partners, or the Commission could do a supporting role. The Commission was encouraged to make sure we have the capacity and resources for all of our already committed responsibilities.

Old Business-C. Leadership Scholarship Initiative (Ashley)

This topic was tabled.

Report from Monroe County Women's Commission

Monica reported that the legislative committees were not meeting until February, so the trip to visit them will be delayed until then. 500 have registered for the Opioid Summit and registration is closed.

Report from High School Liaison

No report given. Penny suggested Abby Cannon (Emma's sister) as a candidate from Bloomington North. She is very interested. A liaison from Blooming South also need to be chosen. Regina will contact both schools for potential candidates. Commission members are encouraged to promote the positions.

New Business-A. Liaison's Report

None

New Business-B. Non-voting Members

The topic was tabled.

New Business-C. Newsletter

The topic was tabled.

Community Input: None

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Goings