

Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, Feb 11th, 2021, 5:30PM
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Nicole Bennett, Ashley Hazelrig, Dr. Nana Amoah-Ramey, Shruti Rana, Jenn Sims, Landry Culp

Staff Liaison: Sue Owens

Recorder: Nicole Bennett

1. Call to Order

- a. Ashley called to order the Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at 5:32PM on February 11th, 2021; the meeting was held via Zoom

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

- a. None

3. For the Good of the Cause

4. Approval of December minutes

- a. Shruti and Landry approved December minutes

5. Old Business

- a. 2021 WHM Lunch – March 24, 2021
 - i. Met on February 8th, 2021.
 - ii. A keynote speaker was approved and has been brought on board for the 2021 WHM Lunch- Heather McTeer Toney.
 - iii. The CRFD has given a \$500 sponsorship for the keynote speaker.
 - iv. Inkwel, Feast, Two Sticks, and Bloomington Bagel Company as potential partners in this luncheon.
 - v. Winners for the various awards have been selected for this year's luncheon.
 1. Emerging Leader- Abby Ang
 2. TS Lifetime Contribution- Cathleen Webber
 3. 2021 Woman of the Year - Penny Caudill
- b. 2021 WLD Event
 - i. Dr. Valerie Grim is the speaker for the WLD event, which will be combined with the WHM Lunch this year for logistical purposes due to COVID-19.
 1. Topic of speech is racial injustice, which is in line with the Committee's pledge to work on addressing issues of racial injustice that women of color in the community face.
 - ii. The committee took a vote on \$500 honorarium. It was approved.
- c. Legislative Subcommittee

- i. Nicole gave an update on the previous meeting of the subcommittee. See those notes for more information.
- ii. Jenn raised the issue of the importance of defining what type of data we are looking for.
- iii. Ashley brought up the importance of capturing information from people who may not be seeking out services or who may not need interventions.
- iv. Nana read out the commitments that the BCSW made during the summer of 2020 during the BLM protests as a guide for the data collection from different entities.
- v. Narrowed down to women of color and disadvantaged women within the community. Find out where those struggles are, where the needs are not being met. We then connect the data that the subcommittee collects to find the
 - 1. What services do you have for women of color in the community
 - 2. How do those services benefit a diverse population?
 - 3. How do you measure and track those indicators?
- d. Listening Session
 - i. Once data is collected from the legislative subcommittee, the listening session planning will take off.

6. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
 - i. Nicole reported that the MCWC is hosting a MoCo Warm Up event on March 12, at noon. All are invited to attend. Link here: <https://sites.google.com/view/mc-wc-home/home>
- b. High School Liaison
 - i. A motion was made to elect Mary Hobson as the BCSW High School Liaison. It was approved

7. New Business

- a. End of year report
 - i. Ashley has almost finalized the report and requested that Sue help facilitate the submission of the report.

8. Public Input

- a. Jenn is working on the Inspire conference on March 3rd. This bridges the gap between the IUPUI campus and the Indy community. Inspires campus and community healing and renewal. Jenn will send out the information to the BCSW. https://iuua.imodules.com/s/1377/iu_event.aspx?sid=1377&gid=2&pgid=8957&content_id=10339
- b. Nana is the chair for Black History Month for her church. They are holding an event at the end of the month and everyone is invited to attend. Once the event is settled, Nana will send a link to the BCSW.

9. Adjournment

- a. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 6:36PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Bennett