

Minutes - April 1, 2021

Present:

Commissioners: Debby Herbenick, Nana Amoah-Ramey, Jenn Sims, Shruti Rana, Nicole Bennett

Guest: Blaire

Staff: Sue Owens

Introductions of BCSW commissioners and our guest Blaire.

Meeting called to order at 5:37pm, the April meeting was called to order by Nana, acting as Chair as Ashley and Landry were absent.

Members discussed the WHM Celebration which occurred virtually due to the COVID-pandemic; digital survey feedback will be available at a later date. Sue will send a Doodle link for luncheon committee members to re-convene and wrap up following the WHM/WLD event.

Members reviewed minutes but delayed a vote due to needing a quorum.

Shruti provided background information on how the Indiana Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) is calling for Governor Holcomb to condemn the surge in anti-Asian racism and to take action to ensure the safety of Asian American Hoosiers.

Jenn moved for the BCSW to sign on in support for the Indiana Chapter for the API Women's Form.... Against AAPI Hoosiers. Nicole seconded. Votes: 5 in favor, 0 no. Ashley will be asked to sign on behalf of the BCSW.

Legislative Sub-Committee Update: reached out to social service organizations within Bloomington to understand how they serve our City's Black and Brown, LGBTQ+, and various marginalized populations. Have had discussions related to housing, food insecurity, racial justice, and other topics. Next steps are to work with Nana to inform community listening sessions. Nana mentioned that she and Ashley had met and talked about added the Black churches to the list of groups with whom to meet and to help identify organizations of which we may not yet be familiar. Blaire shared that they are part of a cooperative housing group in Bloomington and offered to provide additional information.

Nicole provided an update from the Monroe County Women's Commission. She described their recent MoCo Warm Up Event. Nicole will ask MCWC for their Power Point presentation on event to share with BCSW members.

Mary Hobson - High school liaison not present; thus no report.

End of year report: no update.

Public input: We had additional conversations with Blaire.

Nicole motioned to approve minutes from prior meeting, Debby seconded, all approved.

Nana adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Minutes by: Debby Herbenick