

# **Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women**

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:30PM  
Zoom Meeting

## **Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners Present: Landry Culp, Shruti Rana, A'ame Joslin, Nicole Bennett

HS Liaison: Mary Hobson, Bloomington North HS Senior

Guest: Blaire

Staff Liaison: Sue Owens

Volunteer Recorder: Meghan Meyer

### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Landry called to order the Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at 5:39PM on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 November minutes**

- a. April 2021 minutes were approved

### **5. Old Business**

- a. 2022 WHM Celebration
  - i. 2022 WHM Lunch scheduled for March 23, 2022
  - ii. Jenn shared the committee has identified the date, the convention center has been reserved.
- b. Legislative Subcommittee (A'ame assigned to chair of subcommittee)
  - i. Jenn identified 4 major areas of work:
    - 1. CEDAW
    - 2. Listening Sessions
      - a. Moving forward in planning with Nana
    - 3. Incarcerated pregnant women
      - a. A state bill was proposed this year and never made it to discussion
      - b. Identified steps to take; the two authors are Democratic – possibility of forming Republican allies?
    - 4. Equal Pay for the City of Bloomington
      - a. Commission was asked to clarify definitions
  - ii. A'ame emphasized that we are moving forward on all 4 issues
  - iii. Landry asked how the commission can help
    - 1. Jenn responded that help would be useful after the listening sessions are scheduled

- c. Listening Sessions
  - i. Nana not present
- d. End of Year Report
  - i. Nic shared the list of accomplishments and projects sent to her by Ashley
  - ii. A'ame asked for clarification on the presentation and suggested we continue to discuss prior to submittal; create a standard format for the report to use in subsequent years
  - iii. Jenn asked that we include our formal statement re: Enough is Enough
  - iv. Landry suggested to include what we are working on or wish to accomplish in 2021
  - v. Shruti suggested we emphasize how each topic supports women and promotes women owned business
- e. Paid Leave Family Formation
  - i. It was reported that Debby reached out to Sue (Common Council Member) and Sue asked us to specify if this is for family formation only and do we want to expand to all care givers?
  - ii. Jenn recommended that we review the submitted letter in the light of these comments to see if we want to edit or update the letter

## **6. New Business**

- a. O'Neill Graduate Student Capstone Group
  - i. Commission can develop project for students to research
  - ii. Nicole will email the commission the expectations document, including the 5 meetings with the student and one meeting for student to present to commission
  - iii. Group would like answer tonight but we will ask for extension and allow to ask director of DFRD for approval prior to our commitment

## **7. Reports from Commissioners**

- a. Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
  - i. Nic reported that the MoCo did not meet this month
- b. High School Liaison
  - i. Mary outlined the activities, projects and accomplishments of young women at Bloomington North and South High Schools

## **8. Public Input**

## **9. Adjournment**

- a. Jenn adjourned the meeting at 6:28PM

Minutes submitted by Meghan Meyer