

Women's Commissions Meeting  
11/19/24

Attendees: Jill Muth, Robin Drummond, Ana Rodney, Kionne T. Abdul-Malik, Gab Sussman, Mariam Carrion, Robin Neverdon, Casey Brent, Tevis Simmons, Ciarra Miles, Sara Whaley

Welcome and call to order (6:04pm)

- I. Staff Updates
  - A. Meeting started early due to scheduling changes, with a focus on getting through the agenda efficiently.
  - B. Jill Muth announced a switch from Zoom to WebEx starting in January for enhanced security.
  - C. Jill attended the Caregivers Recognition Brunch and announced the Carter Center Grant.
  - D. The IWTL Inform Women Transform Lives campaign will officially launch on February 21st, with plans for a mural involving local art students.
  - E. Bylaws have been finalized and posted on the website.
  - F. The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Conference is scheduled for November 23rd, from 9 AM to 1 PM in Columbia.
  - G. Planning for the Mayor's Luncheon for Women's History Month is underway, with brainstorming for themes and logistics.
  - H. Annual strategic planning retreat is being planned, with a focus on training topics and venue selection.
- II. Staff updates
  - A. thank you again to everybody who participated in civil rights week
  - B. Saturday the 23rd from 9:00 to 5:00: M Law Conference on Maryland legislative agenda for women
    1. Jill and Gab attending
  - C. November 7th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the War Memorial building the human trafficking collaborative resource fair
    1. Tom Stack presented to this group previously
  - D. November 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Enoch Pratt Library training facilitated by our disabilities Commission on interacting with members of the deaf and hard of hearing Community
    1. Free
  - E. Friday November 15th Family Caregiver Awards Brunch
    1. the family caregiver program is the program that we're working with with the Carter Center Grant. This brunch is honoring those caregivers that have been participating in the program
    2. opportunity to kind of meet and greet some of the folks involved and hear some of the caregiver stories
- III. Final Vote to Adopt Bylaws with updated leave of absence motion, 2nd Robin. Approved.
- IV. Legislative Agenda Discussion:

- A. Ana: Meeting with Del Lewis have worked in the past around maternal and child health issues. Working on access to transportation legislation.
  - B. **Rachel: Status of legislative agenda**
    - 1. Looking for a partner to support this work.
      - a) Lillian and Ana would like to support/help.
      - b) Ana also connected with the public justice center that could also be a resource.
      - c) Councilwoman Porter may also be a resource
      - d) What is the Mayor's legislative's priorities? **Jill will ping Zachary for the City's priorities**
        - (1) Reportive freedom
        - (2) Equity in prison healthcare
  - C. Is there anything to do on socials next week IF history is made? **Jill will ask Zach.**
    - 1. Gab suggests preparing a statement either way.
      - a) **Kionne will start an email thread.**
- V. Approval of Minutes – needs quorum
    - A. Approval of minutes from September 25th meeting
    - B. Motion to approve - Rachel
    - C. 2nd - Ana
    - D. Approved
  - VI. Project Subcommittee Sign-ups
    - A. Tracker:
      - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rIFcH87JKW34kK\\_ciWJtOPfFbz-cPt2TS6K1fyEJXf4/edit?gid=93991184#gid=93991184](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rIFcH87JKW34kK_ciWJtOPfFbz-cPt2TS6K1fyEJXf4/edit?gid=93991184#gid=93991184)
  - VII. Resource Fair
    - A. December 4th
      - 1. Coppin is almost secured
      - 2. Discussion of the date
        - a) Balance of outreach (4 weeks of flier)
      - 3. **Kionne will send weekly updates via email**
      - 4. Invite list (political relationship management) **(Jill)**
      - 5. **Adhoc Meeting before next meeting.**
        - a) **Kionne will schedule**

#### New Business

- VIII. Next Meeting –
  - A. 11/19 new date
    - 1. **Jill will update calendar invite**
    - 2. Jill's bday is the 20th
  - B. December will be social meeting
  - C. When to debrief resource fair? 2025?
- IX. Open Discussion

- A. From Sarasijhaa: Moorehead Cain Scholars Updates Still working on updates
  - 1. **Helpers: Casey, Ana, Sara**
- B. Ana added to the Big Idea Board:
  - 1. For Black Maternal Health Month
    - a) April 11-17 “State of the Womb”: Reproductive rights listening session in Annapolis on what has been done and what the community sees as the needs.
- C. Commitment Check In with Jill and Kionne
  - 1. What are the next steps for recommitment to engagement and involvement on the women’s commission.
  - 2. Any vacancies the staff will be moved to be filled.
- X. Adjournment