

Quick recap

The meeting began with discussions about scheduling changes and event updates, including rescheduling the Strategic Planning Retreat and planning for various upcoming initiatives and observances. Several leadership transitions were announced, with Rachel stepping down from her legislative agenda role and Carolyn leaving the Women's Commission, while the group discussed resource coordination and community engagement activities. The conversation ended with updates on various events and initiatives, including plans for veterans recognition, emergency preparedness discussions, and ongoing efforts to engage women in planning processes.

Next steps

- [Jill: Send MLAW conference registration info to commissioners who expressed interest as soon as received from Akeem](#)
- [Jill: Follow up with MOGR about Kiana's commission membership application status](#)
- [Jill: Create digital flyer for State of the Womb community events at Impact Art](#)
- [Jill: Send calendar invite for November 19th meeting to all commissioners](#)
- [Jill: Process business card request for commissioners and coordinate with admin staff](#)
- [Jill: Connect veterans/seniors listening session participants with Monica's emergency preparedness team](#)
- [Kionne: Share partnership/contact spreadsheet with the group this week, including organizations from last year's food resource fair](#)
- [Kionne: Send poll to commissioners for strategic planning retreat date in early to mid-December](#)
- [Kionne: Send email to group about business card requests with required information](#)
- [Kionne: Follow up with Anne Arundel County Women's Commission chair for collaboration meeting](#)
- [Kionne: Reach out to Baltimore County Women's Commission for connection](#)
- [Kionne: Coordinate e-card for Roland Sobe before his last day on November 8th](#)

- [Rachel: Make e-introduction between Jill/Kionne and BCPS Parent-Family Engagement Team director/manager for potential January school supply drive partnership](#)
- [Ana: Send out Narcan training link and invite for November 7th event](#)
- [Ana: Continue synthesizing State of the Womb event notes and information for policy presentation](#)
- [Commissioners: Input business cards and contact information from Civil Rights Week into collaborative partnership document once shared](#)
- [Commissioners: Share Halloween costume photos in group chat](#)

Summary

Strategic Planning and Event Updates

The meeting began with casual conversation about Halloween costumes and dinner plans before transitioning to business matters. Kionne noted that one guest had to reschedule for next month, resulting in a lighter agenda focused on updates and rearrangements. Jill shared that Director Green was unable to attend but expressed gratitude for the Women's Commission's participation in Civil Rights Week. The group discussed rescheduling the Strategic Planning Retreat to a date after Halloween and Civil Rights Week, combining it with the Women's Commission holiday party. Jill also mentioned following up on MLAW conference registration information.

Collaboration and Event Planning Initiatives

Jill discussed several upcoming events and initiatives. She mentioned that she would not be able to attend a Saturday event but would connect with attendees afterward. Jill emphasized the importance of collaboration and resource sharing, particularly in preparation for the November 1st start of SNAP and EBT benefits. She suggested organizing a resource fair around the holiday season and potentially planning another event in January to address school supply needs. Jill also shared that the University of Maryland Law School had expressed interest in providing a legal extern to support their legislative agenda. Additionally, she highlighted the need to plan for Women's History Month in March, with a focus on the theme "Women Building Sustainability." Lastly, Jill discussed the upcoming Women Veterans Day on June 16th and the need to collaborate with the Veterans Commission to honor women veterans.

Resource Coordination and Partnership Planning

The group discussed upcoming events and resource coordination. Kionne shared plans to create a living document for partnerships and resource fairs, encouraging input from members for potential collaborations. Rachel suggested coordinating a school supply drive with Baltimore City Public Schools' parent-family engagement team for January or February events, and offered to make introductions to relevant contacts. The team also briefly touched on reading materials related to women in agriculture and Vietnam, and Jill mentioned a book recommendation.

Leadership Transitions in Women's Group

Rachel announced her decision to step down as the lead for the legislative agenda due to her pregnancy, and she plans to hand over her responsibilities to Ana. Ana expressed her excitement to take on this role and mentioned her current focus on policy. Carolyn also announced her decision to step down from the Women's Commission, citing personal reasons and a desire to set a good example for other women. The group expressed their appreciation for Rachel and Carolyn's contributions and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Carolyn's Contributions and Future Plans

The meeting focused on expressing gratitude to Carolyn for her contributions and wishing her well in her future endeavors, with an open invitation for her to participate in future meetings or events. Kionne highlighted the success of the community events, particularly the State of the Wound recap, and praised Ana for her organization and engagement. The group discussed the potential for scaling similar formats for future community feedback and strategic planning, with plans to include these ideas in the 2026 calendar. Additionally, Carolyn extended an invitation to the group to attend her Tiny Desk Concerts, and the team expressed their appreciation for the opportunity.

Event Planning and Strategic Retreat

Ana expressed gratitude for the success of her recent event and discussed plans for future activities, including Impact Art days and a survey for feedback. Kionne suggested creating a digital flyer to promote these events. The team decided to reschedule the strategic planning retreat from Sunday to early or mid-December, with Kionne planning to conduct a poll to determine the best date for maximum attendance.

Meeting Logistics and Membership Updates

The group discussed meeting logistics, with Jill clarifying that OECR will handle registrations and send confirmations rather than requiring individual registration. Kionne shared updates about attending the Anne Arundel County Women's Commission 50th

anniversary event and plans to connect with other Maryland Women's Commissions. The next meeting was rescheduled to November 19th due to Thanksgiving, and Jill agreed to help arrange business cards for commissioners. Jill also provided an update on the membership process, noting that while there had been progress with a candidate named Kiona, there had been delays in communication with MOGR.

Community Support and Health Initiatives

The meeting discussed several key topics. Jill shared a concern about domestic violence victims facing barriers due to criminal charges, and proposed creating a virtual space for victims to share their stories without stigma. Kionne expressed support for this initiative and mentioned plans to honor Roland Sobe, who is leaving OECR for a new role, with an e-card and possible mocktail happy hour. Ana announced an upcoming Narcan training on November 7th, organized by the Doula Alliance of Maryland and Baltimore City Health Department. Monica concluded by promoting a community meeting in Cherry Hill on November 4th about a new trail project and an evacuation survey.

Veterans and Seniors Safety Discussion

Monica shared insights from a veterans and seniors listening session, highlighting concerns about emergency procedures and fire drills in senior living facilities, which Jill wanted to connect Monica with the session participants. Kionne agreed to promote the information and requested a flyer to share on social media. Monica explained their efforts to engage women in planning processes and mentioned an upcoming long-range plan called Region Next. The group discussed the importance of including women in decision-making and agreed to continue collaborating and sharing information.