



Office of the County Administrator

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS / HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION

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Meeting Record

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Annual Planning Meeting (via WebEx)	Date: April 14, 2021 Call to Order: 6:21 PM
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Attendees

Susan Buzzi	Toby Feuer	Gail Grahn	Alex Heathcock
Juliet Hue	Jeanne Kacprzak	Melissa Shiff	Kristen McIntosh (CAO)
Chad Zurko (Board Coord.)			

Members Absent

Lauren Alperstein	Nancy Metayer	Sherry Rini	Jasmen Rogers
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Key Decisions

1.

Action Items

	Description	Resource	Status
1.	Adoption of Black Maternal Health Week proclamation	Jeanne/Chad	
2.	Annual Report to be completed by next Meeting	Jeanne/Board	
3.			

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm once quorum was established.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to accept the Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Feuer, second by Ms. Grahn; unanimously carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the February 22, 2021 minutes as read was made by Ms. Feuer, second by Ms. Shiff; unanimously carried.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Kacprzak recapped the events that had happened at the Commission Meetings since our last meeting in February (Women's History Month and Equal Pay Day). She also reviewed the proposal sent by Ms. Rogers (to be discussed under New Business). She spoke following the reading of the proclamation and Sen.

Rich recognized each of our honorees. Later in the same meeting the Senator also presented the CEDAW report from the Auditor and recognized the entire CSW. Ms. Kacprzak was pleasantly surprised. They also spoke on the phone afterward and said she was “really wanting to hear what we had to advise.” Ms. Kacprzak continued on to the “Rightfully Hers” display (Women’s suffrage) and reported she was going to drop it off at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. They will have it for this month, then it’s going to the Deerfield Library. She asked for ideas/contacts for other libraries to pass it around to for the remainder of the year (as previously mentioned, it had been at the Parkland Library for the last month).

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEDAW

Committee Chair Grahn reported that there were only 3 attendees from the Board at the April 8 virtual meeting (her, Ms. Kacprzak and Ms. Metayer), along with Michael Rajner from the Human Rights Board. Since the Committee memberships have not really been finalized, they are looking for other Members to join. She asked if anyone attending this meeting was interested (Ms. Shiff inquired when the meetings were). The County Auditor’s office had contacted her this week, requesting a meeting on Monday about the CSW’s suggestions for things they didn’t cover which should be included. Since we hadn’t met as a Board yet to discuss, this is postponed until we could do so. Pursuant to this, Ms. Grahn asked if anyone had had the chance to review the report besides her and Jeanne; Ms. Shiff replied that she had and gave some feedback about the educational data. Ms. Kacprzak suggested maybe having Committee members take up different sections (i.e., Melissa could handle education and she could review the disability piece.) She noted that the next regular Meeting is not until June 9th then September 9th after that, so she stressed the need to dedicate time and work to this in between. Ms. Grahn added that the County Commission begins planning the Budget in May before they break in June, so we should see if there are any items that we would want to see included in either that or the Legislative Session by our June meeting. Again, the question was raised about the proper channels to do this. Mr. Zurko said once we had specific items, he would approach his supervisor Averill with them. Ms. Grahn also suggested we post the Report on our website. She screen-shared the notes she had made from the April 8th meeting, adding items from the current discussion. Ms. Feuer agreed to be on the Committee as well and requested that the Report be resent. Ms. Grahn summarized the bullet points she had: access to affordable healthcare, maternal health (particularly minorities), domestic violence, human/sex trafficking, mental illness, sedentariness in women, family leave for miscarriages, and personal hygiene products.

Communications

No report

Women’s Issues

No report

Women: VOTE!

No report

6. MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Buzzi reported she had just sent an item about National Crime Victims’ Rights week for posting. Ms. Kacprzak replied that Ms. Rini had been helping with these posts so she should follow up and see if she could post that one as well.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021 Planning Issues and Outside Presentations to CSW

As previously discussed, Ms. Kacprzak inquired about confirming upcoming presentations, possibly to tie-in with the issues addressed in the CEDAW report. Ms. Buzzi said that she had not received any response for speakers in June, therefore it was suggested we continue focusing on the report through that time, then maybe get some speakers for the end of the year.

Annual Report compilation

Ms. Kacprzak said she would go through all our notes from the last year. She again asked if any Members had anything to contribute and said she would make a commitment to have it done by the next meeting. Ms. Buzzi offered her assistance.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Black Maternal Health Week April 11-17

Ms. Kacprzak read the proclamation adopted by the Miami-Dade CSW (forwarded by Ms. Rogers), and proposed we adopt it as a Commission even though she was not present. Ms. Grahn recalled the difficulties in the past about getting the Commissioners to approve these items and suggested adding a disclaimer that we were not acting on behalf of them but as the Broward CSW. As previously mentioned, Mr. Zurko can check with his supervisor on how to proceed. Ms. McIntosh and other Members shared input on revising the proclamation/verbiage for the disclaimer. A motion to adopt it was made by Ms. Shiff, second by Ms. Feuer; unanimously carried.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CEDAW Budget presentation (?)

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Feuer, second by Ms. Grahn; unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

The next scheduled Board meeting will convene:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6 PM

Via WebEx

If a Board member or other party would like more detailed information about the contents of these summarized minutes, a compact disc will be available by contacting the Human Rights Section, 954-357-7800.