

OCTOBER 26, 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



## Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

### **Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM**

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR  
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner  
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner  
Shawna Grant, Commissioner  
Demika Jackson, Commissioner  
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner  
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member  
Eileen Rodden, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member – unexcused

### **Staff**

Barbara Florio - Liaison  
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

### **Guest Attendees**

Dawn Gilman – Changing Homelessness  
Traci Jefferson  
Scott Kruzshander  
Jamila Rouse  
Veronica Tutt  
Latoya Green

### **Approval of Minutes**

September 28, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.  
Motion to approve: Commissioner Tammy Taylor  
Motion seconded: Commissioner Demika Jackson

### **Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Pemberton reminded the Commissioners to complete their ethics training and mentioned that the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Guest Speaker**

Dawn Gilman, Executive Director, provided an overview of the services provided by Changing Homelessness, the lead agency for Northeast Florida. She discussed the impact that COVID-19 has had on the homeless community and the protocols developed to keep them safe during the pandemic.

Chair Pemberton inquired about mental health statistics for women and families.

Dawn Gilman explained that historically 25% of the homeless population has been women. She mentioned that shelters are operating below capacity due to COVID-19. It appears there are more people living on the streets of

downtown right now, but it might be that is it more noticeable due to less people commuting to work.

### **Committee Reports**

- Governance – Chair Pemberton did not have a report.
- Advocacy and Education – Commissioner Jackson reported that the committee did not meet this month. The Courageous Conversations event has been postponed and the committee will begin working on the application process for the Sheroes project.
- Communications – Commissioner Grant reported that the committee did not meet this month.
- Events – Commissioner Taylor reported that the Events committee did not meet this month.

### **New Business**

Chair Pemberton mentioned that the Mayor had issued a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness.

Commissioner DeWitt mentioned that October 29<sup>th</sup> is Hispanic Equal Pay Day.

Commissioner Spivey inquired about having a representative from the Jacksonville Women's Leadership Network speak at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Jackson participated in a domestic violence presentation last week and will share information about the upcoming event to the Commission.

Liaison Florio asked Commissioners to send her a copy of the ethics training certificate of completion. The next Commission meeting will more than likely be on Zoom.

Chair Pemberton will plan a way to celebrate the holidays at the December meeting even if it is on Zoom.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM**

**CERTIFICATION**

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**Approved by:**

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**Ashlie Empleo, Secretary**

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