

MAY 24, 2021 MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:40 PM

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner – not present
Shawna Grant, Commissioner
Demika Jackson, Commissioner
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner – not present
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member – not present
Sytisha Claycomb, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member - not present

Staff

Barbara Florio - Liaison
Melody Saftner – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

Theresa Pageotte-Andre – Women's Center of Jacksonville

Approval of Minutes

April 26, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.
Motion to approve: Commissioner Shawna Grant
Motion seconded: Commissioner Demika Jackson

Public Comments

No public comments.

Chair Report

Chair Pemberton recommends that the MCSW calendar is shared. It is also brought to the Commission's attention that Shawna Grant was present for the last meeting but was marked absent.

Guest Speaker

Theresa Pageotte-Andre of the Women's Center of Jacksonville provided a presentation of free and confidential services. The Rape Recover Team (RRT) supports and empowers survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones at any stage of their recovery process, through advocacy, education, and crisis intervention.

Committee Reports

- Governance – Chair Pemberton reports that the Committee met last month. They will need to have another governance meeting to discuss the slate of officers.
- Advocacy and Education – Commissioner Jackson reported that this Committee will need to meet again before the end of the year and is open to a few dates and having guest speakers for presentations. The Committee discussed hosting another Courageous Conversations event.

- Communications – This Committee will start *Courageous Conversations* on social media platforms and share information from the Baptist Health-Mental Wellness meeting. The Committee expresses desire to increase sharing of resources, feed current information to website, involvement of the Commission in public events, and create a distribution list in order to increase public participation and visibility in the community. Further research and discussion is needed to determine if a hybrid meeting is possible in order to promote public attendance.

New Business

The Retreat will be August 23rd or August 25th at Chamber or on the 8th Floor of Ed Ball Building. The members of the Commission discussed the possibility of having a networking event afterwards or at some point during the near future, and expressed desire to create posters and agree on a project/plan for the year.

Unfinished Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

CERTIFICATION

RECORDED AND TRANSCRIBED BY:

Signature on file
Melody Saftner
MCSW Staff Support

SUBMITTED BY:

Signature on file
Barbara Florio
MCSW Board Liaison

APPROVED BY:

Signature on file
Ashlie Empleo, Secretary

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