

AUGUST 24, 2020 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

### **Staff**

Barbara Florio - Liaison  
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

### **Guest Attendees**

Susan Pitman, Drug Free Duval  
Sally Finn, Drug Free Duval  
Jennifer Paschal, Gateway Community Services

### **Approval of Minutes**

July 27, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.  
Motion to approve: Commissioner Pat DeWitt  
Motion seconded: Commissioner Shawna Grant

### **Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Pemberton asked Commissioners to send Nicole updates to the Mayor's Report within the next two weeks. The Mayor's Report will be completed by the end of September.

Chair Pemberton will provide Liaison Florio with a list of responsibilities pertaining to the Mayor's Report.

### **Guest Speaker**

Susan Pitman, Project and Strategy Director at Drug Free Duval, discussed substance abuse and mental illness with a focus on women. Drug Free Duval offers training and education, health screenings and has launched two campaigns: Rethink Pain and Stoke. She reported that in Duval County between March 13-July 21, overdoses increased over 40% from the same time frame in 2019 and that overdoses by females in Duval County is up 22%.

**Committee Reports**

- **Governance** – Chair Pemberton encouraged everyone to share the Mayoral proclamations on social media.

Liaison Florio announced that Commissioner Kelleher moved to Georgia and had to resign. She reported that the Mayor's office is considering a couple of applicants to fill the vacant seats.

- **Advocacy and Education** – Commissioner Jackson reported that she has received positive feedback about the Courageous Conversations 2 event. She is interested in hosting the third event of the series in October to discuss racial injustice. Guest speakers have been scheduled through the month of February. She would like to put together a social media campaign for the Month of Women which is in March.

Liaison Florio asked Commissioner Jackson to provide her with the list of Courageous Conversations 2 guests to be certain they are on our MCSW distribution list.

- **Communications** – Commissioner Grant reported that they met today to discuss posts on social media for the Courageous Conversations and Women's Equality Day. She encouraged all Commissioners to provide names of mental health professionals for the Courageous Conversations series. The next Communications Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm via Zoom.

The following Commissioners have been tasked with providing data for the Mayor's Report:

- Chair Pemberton will compile the data and complete the section on Equal Pay Day
  - Commissioner Jackson – Courageous Conversations and healthcare professionals
  - Commissioner Taylor – statistics and increases in domestic violence during the pandemic
  - Commissioner's Empleo and Rodden – Women's Equality Movement
  - Commissioner Grant – Social media summary and community outreach
  - Commissioner DeWitt – AUWW report – already submitted
- **Events** – Commissioner Taylor plans on hosting future joint meetings with the Advocacy and Education Committee on Thursdays.

**New Business**

Liaison Florio advised Commissioners to review the City's ethics training book provided in the board packet. She asked that Committee meetings be publicly noticed 7 days in advance.

**Unfinished Business**

Liaison Florio reported that the PAO approved the in-kind donation request and issued two proclamations in support.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM**

**CERTIFICATION**

**\*\* Meeting minutes were approved at the September 28, 2020 MCSW Zoom meeting\*\***

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**Barbara Florio**  
**MCSW Board Liaison**

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**Ashlie Empleo, Secretary**

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