

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 MEETING MINUTES 4:35 PM



## Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

### **Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM**

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR  
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner  
Sabrina Edwards, Commissioner - **unexcused**  
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner  
Shawna Grant, Commissioner  
Demika Jackson, Commissioner – **unexcused**  
Lorna Matos, 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**

Veronica Tutt  
Katie Armstrong, Senior Client Services/Outreach Representative at Lakeview Health Addiction Treatment Center  
Deborah Fugel, Physician's Assistant at Lakeview Health Addiction Treatment Center

### **Approval of Minutes**

August 26, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Dewitt

Motion seconded: Commissioner Matos

***Approved Unanimously***

### **Public Comments**

No public comment cards.

### **Guest Speaker**

Katie Armstrong and Debbie Fugel, representatives from the Lakeview Health Addition Treatment Center, discussed gender responsive treatments for addiction and the benefits of tailoring treatments to meet the individualized needs of men and women. The goal of the program is to provide addiction treatment and therapy services to each patient for 6-8 weeks. Women primarily leave the program early due to family responsibilities and obligations.

Liaison Florio asked whether Lakeview accepted low-income families without insurance. Katie explained that Lakeview is a privately funded operation and does not accept Medicaid or Medicare. Most of the patients are employed and have health insurance, but they do see patients under 26 years old that are on their parent's insurance. Lakeview participates in the Project Save Lives program with Gateway Community Services which allows them to offer scholarship beds to patients that overdose on opioids. Occasionally, Lakeview will offer a scholarship

bed to a patient referred to them.

Commissioner Spivey asked about the programs offered to non-gender identifying patients at Lakeview. Debbie explained that the treatment center is sensitive to everyone's needs and patients are treated in an environment where they would feel most comfortable.

Katie mentioned that there are single rooms designed for this purpose. She provided a flyer about the River Oaks Center, the only recovery program in the State of Florida and the Southeast tailored to meet the needs of high school students.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Pemberton informed the Commission that Commissioner Anji Easterday is moving to Denver, Colorado and has resigned from the Commission effective immediately. She asked Commissioners to post on their personal social media pages and use the hashtag they approved at a previous meeting. She sent Liaison Florio potential dates for the upcoming networking event and Nicole Spradley is waiting to hear back as to whether the Lynwood Roberts Room is available.

Liaison Florio contacted the Mayor's Office regarding applicants for the vacant position on the Commission.

Commissioner Grant provided Liaison Florio with a profile name to gain access to the Commission's social media page.

### **Committee Reports**

- Governance – Liaison Florio suggested that the Governance Committee meet right before the next Commission meeting.
- Advocacy and Education – Chair Pemberton scheduled the next Advocacy and Education Committee meeting for Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Women's Center.
- Communications – Commissioner Grant reported that the Communications Committee has not met recently. The Committee Chair will let Liaison Florio know when a meeting date has been selected.

Commissioner Empleo informed the Commissioners that she has not received responses to the inquiries she sent out regarding updating the database contact information.

Chair Pemberton asked the Communications Committee to create a press release and flyer for the networking event.

Liaison Florio inquired about a mailing list and suggested that the Commissioners provide contacts.

Commissioner Grant indicated that she had a mailing list that they could use. She suggested having a panel or round table discussion at the networking event.

Commissioner Dewitt mentioned that the networking event was mirrored after the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board event that had tables set up with various topics.

Commissioner Pemberton did not believe there was enough time to plan a panel discussion for the event in November and suggested saving this idea for a future event.

Commissioner Empleo recommended handing out save-the-date flyers and information cards about the contact database at the event.

Chair Pemberton suggested displaying photos and sharing copies of Commission's reports at the networking event. She agreed to put together a slide show.

Commissioner Grant will provide Liaison Florio with photos and an edited video of today's Commission meeting.

- Events – The Events Committee agreed to meet on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at the Women's Center to begin planning the networking event.

### **New Business**

Chair Pemberton did not have any new business to report.

Liaison Florio will report back to the Commission with the hashtags to be used on social media for promotion of MCSW and our focus.

Commissioner Grant has been asked to join an advisory board at UF Health in Gainesville that focuses on ovarian cancer and had a phone interview last week.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **Meeting Closure**

Chair Pemberton adjourned the meeting.

### **Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM**



**CERTIFICATION**

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**MCSW Staff Support**

**Submitted by:**

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**Signature on file**  
**Barbara Florio**  
**MCSW Board Liaison**

**Approved by:**

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**Signature on file**  
**Jaynelle Pemberton, Chair**

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