

Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Women's Advisory Commission Meeting
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Committee Room A, Pontiac MI

September 15, 2011 Minutes (draft)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Doris Taylor at 5:35 p.m.

Women's Advisory Commission members in attendance were:

Patricia Thomas	Beth Matter
Hirsch Srivastava	Sunsaria Baldwin
Dr. Doris Taylor	Mishelle Kennedy
Dr. Salma Ajo	Sandy Burgess
Amanda Klein	Kim Beebe

Women's Advisory Commission members absent were:

Note: If your absence was excused, please remember to discuss at 10/20/11 meeting

Dr. Carnigee Ala-Benee' Truesdale	Sue Thomasson
Rebecca Clark	Lee Blizman
Cheryl Verbeke	Janice Daniels
Kristine Zrinyi (Left WAC)	Jeanne Towar (Left WAC)
Michelle Styczynski	Dr. Jonice Crawford Butler
Wanda Lohmeier	JoAnn McShane
Hon. Christine Long, Ex-Officio	Hon. Marcia Gershension, Ex-Officio

Public in attendance:

Laurie Renchik (ex-officio)

- Chair Taylor read the proposed agenda; Dr. Ajo moves to approve agenda; Supported by Mishelle Kennedy; Agenda approved unanimously
- Public Comment by Laurie Renchik: She is glad to be here
- Hirsch Srivastava read August Meeting Minutes; Kim Beebe amends Minutes to correct date of her event to the correct date of 8/26/11; Mishelle Kennedy moves to pass Minutes with date correction; Kim Beebe seconds motion; Motion is passed by unanimous consent
- Unfinished Business: Study Groups
 - Domestic Violence Study Group: Chair Taylor to forward e-mail summary to rest of group – this study group’s update is contained therein
 - Inadequate Career Choices and Pay Inequity: Sandy Burgess gave hard copies of report to Chair Taylor and Secretary Srivastava
 - Compiling database of career opportunities – via CI3 (sp?) professional organizations and 21 women’s advocacy (sp/accuracy?)
 - Next step is contacting organizations to verify accuracy of information
 - Also added existence of Women’s Business Quorum (sp? Accuracy?) - a place where women can find support and advice
 - Sandy Burgess requested information from Law Library of women owned businesses – Law Library DID provide data resources; in 2007 there were 108,970 businesses and women owned 26.4% of them, this was lower than the MI average of ~30%
 - Sandy Burgess: InForum (sp?), used to be Women’s Economic Club of Detroit, is starting a new program → NextUp – a structured 8-week course of ½ day workshops for up-and-coming women
 - Kim Beebe: MI NOW Vice President is on the PayNow state-equity committee; Federal office gave research on how they do pay-equity research. Three organizations which do pay-disparity training, she has to follow up; OU is starting pay-equity informational programs locally
- New Business: Sunsaria Baldwin talks about her group, Teen Risk Behavior, and its developments.
 - Sunsaria Baldwin: Children who are waiting to be adopted, but do not get adopted, are more at risk for teen risk behaviors
 - Sunsaria Baldwin: Becoming a foster care parent will stop children from committing teen risky behaviors
 - Chair Taylor joins Teen Risk Behavior sub-committee
- Announcements:
 - Carehouse Director sent Chair Taylor an e-mail that his church, All-Saints Presbyterian Church on Woodward, will on October 6, 2011 holding a rummage sale – any foster parent can come with their orphan and get free stuff; especially foster children who are aging out of the system. Chair Taylor will forward this e-mail.
 - Kim Beebe: On Tuesday 9/27/11 at the Coffee Beanery at Woodward and Berkeley at 6:30 p.m. the Oakland County NOW will have a presentation on the topic “What is Feminism?”

- Kim Beebe: On Wednesday 10/12/11, Birmingham Unitary and Church (sp? accuracy?) will host a “Love Your Body” event from 6 p.m. (social hour), with presentation starting at 7 p.m.
- Hirsch Srivastava announces June 2012 Deadline for Study Group Reports – in order to provide adequate time for merging, review, and polishing of Final Report to be presented to Oakland County Board of Commissioners
- Sandy Burgess announces Troy Community Coalition, a drug-free fundraiser (or an event hosted by the TCC) to be held on Wednesday 10/27/11 (date?) at San Marino Club in Troy; Natural Model for Prevention of Teen-Risk Behaviors – 18 minute program on WOW and their Executive Director
- Sandy Burgess announces “Reading Out” TV; “Riding Sober” program that gives tire bracelets to students. More information can be found at <troycoalition.com>
- Good and Welfare
 - Mishelle Kennedy motions to adjourn; Dr. Salma Ajo seconds; Motion to adjourn is carried by unanimous consent

NOTE: Executive Committee did not meet.

~End Meeting Minutes (Draft)~

Respectfully Submitted,

*Hirsch Srivastava
Corresponding Secretary*