

OCTOBER 28, 2019

MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:36 PM

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

Staff

Barbara Florio – Liaison
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

Veronica Tutt
Paula Bides, Ascension St. Vincent's – Guest Speaker
Canelle Phillion
Renee Hellen
Dawn Lockhart – COJ Guest Speaker

Approval of Minutes

No quorum. Will approve minutes at the next meeting.

Public Comments

No public comment cards.

Guest Speaker

Dawn Lockhart, Mayor's Office, discussed the importance of the Census. She is asking City Board and Commission members to serve as community ambassadors. Approximately 250,000 individuals were unaccounted for in the last Census, including an alarming number of children. This greatly impacted the amount of grant money received in Northeast Florida. 2020 is the first time the Census is available online. The City is working to set up Census hubs at the libraries to capture families that may not have access to the internet at home. Commissioners will receive a social media tool kit with information to share with the community.

Paula Bides, Director Community Benefits, Ascension/ St. Vincent's, provided an overview of the healthcare services provided at Ascension. The hospital provides addiction treatment, counseling and telepsych care for Project Save Lives patients. They also participate in the Mental Health First Aid program, a free educational program for non-

mental health professionals. Florida ranks 49th and Jacksonville is second to the bottom of the list for mental health funding. Ascensions goal is to train 10,000 people this year through the Mental Health First Aid program.

Chair Report

Committee Reports

- **Governance** – Liaison Florio mentioned that the Governance Committee needs to meet before the end of the year to discuss replacing the Vice Chair position.
- **Advocacy and Education** – Commissioner Jackson reported that the Committee met last month to discuss the upcoming event on November 14, 2019. A flyer has been created and invites will go out.

Liaison Florio will send out a public notice for the event and will share the notice with the Communications Committee.

- **Communications** – Commissioner Grant reported that the Committee met last month. She will share event information on social media.
- **Events** – Chair Pemberton reported that the Committee met and discussed the invite list for the November 14th event.

New Business

Chair Pemberton did not have any new business to report.

Liaison Florio announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019. She also announced that Commissioner Empleo had her baby.

Committee Chairs will report back to Liaison Florio with upcoming meeting dates.

Commissioner Grant will send social media items to Liaison Florio.

Unfinished Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

CERTIFICATION

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Jaynelle Pemberton, Chair

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