

Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:44pm

Donna Kuldau – CHAIR Jaynelle Pemberton – VICE CHAIR Eileen Rodden - Women's Center – Ex-officio Member

Absent Commissioners

Sabrina Edwards – Member - Unexcused Sheila Spivey - UNF – Ex-officio Member

Guest Attendees

Demika Jackson, Volunteers in Medicine Veronica Tutt, retired Master Chief, USN

Approval of Minutes:

August 27, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved with the correction of Dr. Mary Gatta's name.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Jaynelle Pemberton

Motion seconded: Chair Donna Kuldau

Approved Unanimously

Public Comments:

Guest attendee: Demika Jackson Program Manager at Volunteers in Medicine, a free clinic which provides primary health care specialty services, well women care, mental health, wellness and nutrition to the community. Anyone in the household, be it a citizen or not, has to be working at least 20 hours and not have any type of insurance. If a patient does not qualify, they are referred to another organization in the agencies network. The agency received a grant from Dolores Barr to start the Peace Program which consists of going out to diverse communities and training ambassadors within the community to be the liaisons for Volunteers in Medicine. The pilot program will start with the African American, Hispanic and Asian communities. The program does not have a culture diverse group of individuals visiting or with knowledge of the agency and once the Peace program rolls out the agency expects an increase in diverse clientele. Volunteers in Medicine is a national organization and has been in Jacksonville since 2003.

Guest attendee: Veronica Tutt, President of Delta Sigma Beta Sorority, retired as Master Chief in 2006 after 34 years. Ms. Tutt is working with the youth and the community.

Ms. Eileen Rodden Commission Ex-Officio mentioned Ms. Veronica Tutt is a current nominee for the Rosie Award.

Liaison Report: Barbara Florio

Liaison Florio reported the Mayor's Administration has new staff working with the Commissions and Boards. Ms. Florio serves as a liaison for two boards, MCSW and JHCDC the governing board for the Housing Division, and having a staff member available alleviates the work flow. Julie Ann is now the administrative support committed to this

board. The financials will be available for the October board meeting for review.

Chair Kuldau indicated she had reached out to past Chairs and none had information or recollection on past board financials.

Liaison Florio informed the Board the budget passed through City Council and has been formalized. The Mayor's office is aware we may be requesting funds for FY 19-20. The budget for FY 19-20, needed by end of May 2019, will need to be specific and supportive of goals and be fully documented.

The board needs to submit an annual report to the Mayor's office, according to the Executive Order and by-laws. Chair Kuldau requested this be placed on the agenda for October and each Commissioner bring information and photos. Liaison will email a copy of last year's report; compiled by Vice Chair Pemberton who will also complete the current report. Ms. Tutt has several articles and pictures that can be used with the annual report.

Prospective Board Members

A slate of sponsored Commissioners was presented to the Board.

Action

The Board approved and recommended Alexandra Vlachakis, Patricia DeWitt, Anji Easterday, Lorna Matos and Julie Savino resumes for review and vetting by the Mayor's office.

Motion - Chair Kuldau Second – Vice Chair Pemberton Unanimously Approved

Gender Wage Gap 2018/19

Chair Kuldau reported the committee, consisting of her, Joanna Young, Eileen Rodden and Anji Easterday, are contemplating Moxie's Kitchen for the location of the April 9th Equal Pay Day event. The location is tentative pending confirmation from the venue. UNF has volunteered to do the buttons and Joanna the flyer. The board will request a proclamation from the Mayor and the Chair will reach out to Council Member Brosche-Lopez for one from City Council. Students will be asked to do a social media class (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat) for the older generation in the equal pay community. Ms. Tutt offered to provide pictures from last year's Equal Pay Day event.

The committee debated whether or not to reserve a booth at the Southern Women's Show and it was decided the event was not the demographics they wanted to reach out to and there were insufficient volunteers to man the booth. Last year's measurable was the flyers handed out for the Equal Pay Event at Moxie's Kitchen.

Vice Chair Pemberton recommended the board look at other events similar to the Southern Women's Show geared towards women. Chair Kuldau suggested looking at the upcoming events, from now to April, for the possibility of a booth or table opportunity. Recommended events were the Women's Heart Luncheon, Women's History Month, Sexual Assault Awareness month, Breast Cancer Awareness. The committee will create a calendar with suggested events and a subcommittee to keep the calendar, raise awareness and educate on these topics.

Students will be doing the Social Media class and marketing. A Public Relations committee will be needed with ambassadors from each university / college.

The cost will be \$10 per person and students with identification free of charge. There was a brief discussion on how students should pay at least half the cost of the entrance of \$5 per person.

Next meeting scheduled for October 29th, 2018 at 3:30PM immediately preceding the MCSW meeting.

New Business

Eileen Rodden Commission Ex-Officio informed there are four nominees for the Rosie Awards. The awards are open for nominations until Friday September 28, 2018 close of business. UNF has published the nomination form in their newsletter. A nomination form and a CV/Resume are needed for a nomination. There are three stem nominees and currently looking for an entrepreneur in a non-traditional job. The selection committee is looking for members who would like to participate. Chair Kuldau stated she has done it before and would like to participate.

Chair Kuldau reached out to the Women's Center Director to see if they would like to come back as a member of the MCSW.

Unfinished Business

None.

Meeting Closure

Chair Kuldau thanked everyone for their help and continued support.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

CERTIFICATION

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Donna Kuldau Chair

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