

**Frederick County Commission For Women**

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**Public Meeting Minutes**

**October 15, 2019**

**7:00 pm, Winchester Hall, Frederick MD 21701 (3rd Floor Conference Room)**

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Commissioners Present: Rosario Campos, Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Maura Page, Desiree Tucker, Cindy Shubin, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Valerie Dougherty, Melissa Atherholt, Tara Woodward, Lois Jarman, Karen Czapanskiy  
Guests: Athena Edsall, Janice Brown, Carmen Kaarid, M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Niki Thrash

President Lakshmi Darbha called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, a quorum was present.

**I. Executive Committee Report**

**a.** Approval of the September meeting minutes. There was a change to the September minutes regarding Janice Brown’s title. The September minutes now reflect: “Janice Brown, Director of Adult Services.” Marguerite Vacca-Kaye made a motion to accept the minutes. Lois Jarman seconded. Karen Czapanskiy and Lois Jarman abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**b.** Treasurer’s Report: Valerie

**i.** There has not been much activity over the past quarter. Valerie did get our contact information correct with the bank.

**II. Presentation on Displaced Homemakers Project**

**a.** This was a presentation by The Frederick County Commission for Women as an effort to help individuals who identify as-displaced homemakers.

**b.** A Displaced Home-Maker is someone who, after serving as an unpaid homemaker for many years, is forced to join the paid workforce due to separation, divorce, disability, or death of a spouse or significant other.

\*We want to include domestic violence victims, sexual assault victims, Opioid-affected women, incarcerated women and cancer survivors or major health disorder survivors in this category.

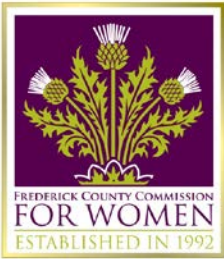
**c.** The presentation highlighted states that have programs like this, in particular, New Jersey. The presentation addressed the statistics found in the ALICE Report and the 2018 Human Needs Assessment for Frederick County.

**d.** After the presentation, there was discussion regarding what Frederick County offers (e.g., Project Step Forward at FCC). The Commission discussed adding a page to our website that will allow for resources for women who need help.

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There are many resources among the County, but they need to be consolidated and then distribution needs to be targeted (e.g., the Health Department). Discussions pertaining to this project will continue at future meetings.

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### III. Commission Business

#### a. Outreach: Rosario/Lakshmi

##### i. Upcoming events:

- i. The Asian American Center Health Fair is being held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please coordinate with Lakshmi.

#### b. Legislative: We are joining MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) as a Commission. Cindy and Valerie plan on attending the 11/23 agenda setting meeting at Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park.

#### c. SheLEADS: Maura

The SheLEADS Youth Summit was held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. It was very successful for the first time hosting the event. The students learned a lot about pulling together the event and great information and content was shared during the sessions. If the students do something like this again, it would need to be in the Spring as September was difficult with scheduling.

#### d. Human Trafficking: Tara is going to follow up with Heather Moreno from Heartly House to gather information on the Human Trafficking conference being held in January.

#### e. Annual Awards Dinner and Event: Lois and Shauna

- i. Lois talked with all of the photography teachers in FCPS. She also talked with the Women's Civic Club about partnering with them for their art contest. All 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to enter. Lois is working with Stuart Harvey to ensure the list of elected officials is accurate and up to date. The Commission needs to decide what will happen to the photos after the fact so we can get the correct student permissions.

#### f. Marketing: Desiree

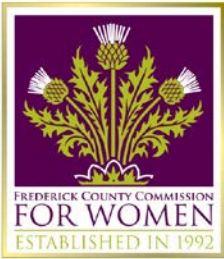
- i. Desiree will email out a budget to purchase new badges. They are approximately \$5.90 each.

### IV. Commissioner Announcements

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- a. Lois – Shared information regarding The Bodice Project. DISTRICT Arts, in conjunction with the Bodice Project, is hosting a breast cancer awareness sculptural exhibit during Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- b. Tara – shared that October 15<sup>th</sup> is pregnancy and infant loss day today. We will post something on Facebook.
- c. Melissa – discussed that it might be helpful to share a resource each week on our Facebook page.

**V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm**

**Next public meeting is November 12th, at 7pm.**

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