

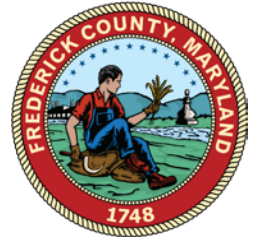
## Frederick County Commission For Women

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### Public Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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, Valerie Dougherty, Melissa Atherholt, Tara Woodward, Lois Jarman, Karen Czapanskiy  
Commissioners absent: Marguerite Vacca-Kaye  
Guests: Kelli Goetz and Michelle Day

President Lakshmi Darbha called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, a quorum was present.

#### I. Executive Committee Report

- a. Approval of the October meeting minutes. Karen Czapanskiy made a motion to accept the minutes. Lois Jarman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Recruitment Update: Shauna
  - i. Shauna provided an update on Carmen Kaarid and Chelsea Kadish. Chelsea will attend the December meeting to meet all Commissioners.
- c. Displaced Homemakers update: Lakshmi is collecting data from different community outreach events and will update the Commission on findings. This was recently done at the Community Health Fair on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### II. Presentation by Michelle Day at Frederick County Workforce Services

- a. Michelle shared that Frederick County Workforce Services can help connect women to employment opportunities.  
<https://www.frederickworks.com/>
- b. Frederick County Workforce Services helps women locate jobs and provide career training. They also specialize in trainings pertaining to credentialing. Frederick County Workforce Services is currently partnering with Frederick Community College to offer Microsoft certification.

#### III. Commission Business

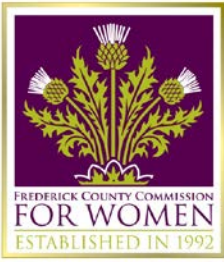
##### a. Outreach: Rosario/Lakshmi

- i. Upcoming events:
  - i. The Frederick County Commission for Women had a table at the Community Health Fair on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Information was collected from participants regarding Displaced Homemakers.

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- ii. The Frederick County Commission for Women attended the Naturalization Ceremony on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Next year, we would like to partner with the League of Women Voters to have a table and help people register to vote after the ceremony.

#### b. Legislative:

- i. We are registered to attend the MLAW meeting on November 23rd. Valerie, Melissa and Rosario plan to attend.
- ii. We received an invitation from the Montgomery County Commission for Women to participate in Lobby Day on February 19, 2020. All County Commissions are invited to join.

#### c. SheLEADS: Maura

- i. The group is in the process of organizing the next meeting and will send the date when it is finalized. They plan to have the students help with events the Commission is working on. Karen suggested that the students help with voter registration projects within the local high schools.

#### d. Human Trafficking: Tara has not had the opportunity to connect with Heather Moreno yet. She hopes to invite her to our next meeting.

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

- i. Lois shared of the 36 elected women, there are two that she has not heard from yet. Lois has reached out to get additional contact information. Students in schools were sent the information regarding the photography project and Lois will pick up the pieces on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Shauna asked about which awards we wanted to present at the event. The Woman of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Up and Coming of the Year were discussed. We will keep it the same as last year in terms of the Commission submitting nominations.

#### f. Marketing: Desiree

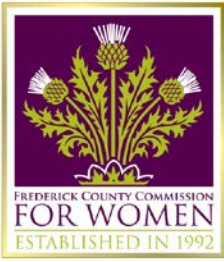
- i. Two new potential logos were designed. A written poll was taken to see if the Commission is willing to consider a change from the current logo. The vote totaled 6 to 5, with the majority in favor of "yes" of being willing to consider a change to the logo.

### IV. Commissioner Announcements

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- a. Valerie – Shared information on grandparents being affected by the opioid crisis. She ordered fact sheets for kin who are affected by the opioid crisis.
- b. Lakshmi – Aavane started facilitating STEM sessions for kids. These are being held on Saturdays.
- c. Rosario – holding a community baby shower on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations of gently used baby clothes welcome.
- d. Melissa – thank you to Desiree for working on the logos.

**V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm**

**Next public meeting is December 10th, at 7pm.**

The Frederick County Commission for Women entered a closed session following the adjournment of the public meeting. Cindy Shubin made a motion to nominate Carmen Kaarid to the Commission and Melissa seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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