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Public Meeting Minutes

December 10, 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, Melissa Atherholt, Lois Jarman, Karen Czapanskiy

Commissioners absent: Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Valerie Dougherty, Tara Woodward

Guests: Angela Moxley, Kaitlin Moore, Chelsea Kadish, Carmen Kaarid, Sarah Ford, Niki Thrash

President Lakshmi Darbha called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, a quorum was present.

I. Executive Committee Report

a. Approval of the November meeting minutes. Rosario Campos made a motion to accept the minutes. Cindy Shubin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Recruitment Update: Shauna

i. The committee recommended Carmen Kaarid to the County Council.

We have received applications from Chelsea Kadish and Kaitlin Moore.

We will soon be at our 15 member capacity.

c. Displaced Homemakers update: Lakshmi shared that there has been a lot of negative connotations to the name of "displaced homemakers." It will now be referred to as "Female Headed Households."

II. Presentation by Angela Moxley at Star Legacy Foundation

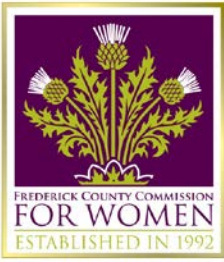
a. Angela shared that Star Legacy Foundation is a community of health professionals, families, researchers, policy makers, and advocates dedicated to healthy pregnancy outcomes and stillbirth prevention. It was founded in 2009 by a nurse whose child was stillborn at full-term.

b. Star Legacy is conducting a pregnancy research project that encourages more fetal tracking in the third trimester and focusing on mental health care for pregnant women.

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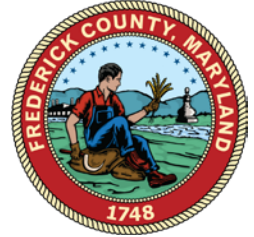
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- c. Angela shared that they are looking for more healthcare professionals to join their team. They are reaching out to hospitals to bring trainings regarding perinatal loss. It is important to raise awareness to raise the comfort level regarding pregnancy loss.

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III. Commission Business

a. Outreach: Rosario/Lakshmi

- i. Upcoming events:
 - i. Cindy shared some information discussed at the Human Rights Commission luncheon held on December 10, 2019. There was a presentation by Terry Scott on Implicit Bias and Discrimination.
 - ii. Lakshmi will send out an email pertaining to the Women's Legislative briefing being held on Sunday, January 26th.
 - iii. Heartly House invited us to set up a table at the Human Trafficking Conference, so we will plan to participate.

b. Legislative: Karen

- i. Valerie and Rosario attended the MLAW Meeting on November 23rd. The following nine bills were affirmed for the 2020 MLAW agenda:
 - 1. Eliminate marriage as a defense to sex crimes
 - 2. Sexual solicitation of a minor
 - 3. Strangulation-first degree assault
 - 4. Protective orders-relief eligibility-rape and sexual offenses
 - 5. Expansion of Maryland's Vacatur Law for Survivors of Human Trafficking
 - 6. Background checks for all gun sales in Maryland
 - 7. Labor and employment-salary history information disclosures
 - 8. Time to care-family and medical leave insurance program
 - 9. Correctional services-prerelease unit for women-requirement

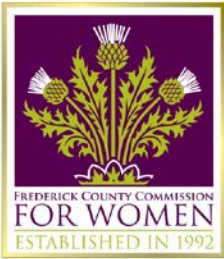
c. SheLEADS: Maura

The students met on Sunday, December 8th and the next meeting will be on January 12th from 2:00-4:00 PM at CoWork Frederick. A few of the students are going to come to the next few meetings. Maura talked with the students about doing events regarding voter registration.

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d. Human Trafficking: The Commission for Women will be attending the conference on January 31st at Hood College.

e. Annual Awards Dinner and Event: Lois and Shauna

- i. Shauna will send out information pertaining to the event prior to the next Commission meeting.
- ii. Lois said the information has been distributed to the schools and the pick-up is scheduled in February.

f. Marketing: Desiree

- i. Desiree is going to work on temporary name badges.
- ii. Lakshmi sent a request to the County asking about the process if we were to change logos.

IV. Commissioner Announcements

- a. Niki – shared information regarding a survey that is out by the sex trafficking task force. It is a community survey to collect information regarding sexual assault around Frederick. The survey is available in both English and Spanish.
- b. Sarah– Kelli Goetz and her will be switching off every other month as our County liaison until the position is filled.
- c. Rosario – drop off baby items to 1306 West Patrick Street by December 17th.
- d. Kaitlin – shared about her experiences and interests in being on the Commission for Women.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm

Next public meeting is January 14th, 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 Chelsea Kadish to the Commission and Rosario Campos seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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