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Public Meeting Minutes

Apr 10th 2018

7:30 pm, Winchester Hall, Frederick MD 21701 (3rd Floor Conference Room)

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Commissioners Present: Lois Jarman, Rosario Campos, Annie Jones, Kimba Green, Lakshmi Darbha, Karen Czapanskiy, Tara Woodward, Shauna Mulcahy, Jessica Kent
Commissioners Absent: Constance Baptist, Nina Carr, Evelyn Stephenson

Guests: Maura Page

President Lois Jarman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, a quorum was present.

I. Executive Committee Report

- a. Commissioners, Volunteers and Guests introduced themselves.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes for Mar 2018:
 - i. The motion to vote to approve March 2018 meeting minutes was made by Lois and seconded by Shauna. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Guest Speaker: No guest speaker this month

Old Business

- d. Outreach Committee report: Lakshmi and Rosario
March/April events
 - i. Mar 22: The Commission's LAD event was the main event for the Committee
- e. Human Trafficking Task Force Report: Nina and Annie (None)
- f. SheLeads Committee Report: Annie (None)
- g. Legislative Committee Report: Karen
Lois shared the notes on the report on Women's Legislative Caucus led by President Ariana Kelly (D-District 16). Women's Caucus led the way to landmark **Anti-Sexual Harassment Legislation** and pushed for the long overdue passage of the **Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act**. Overall, **the Women's Caucus successfully passed ten of their priority pieces of legislation**, including two bills to protect sexual assault survivors that have struggled for passage for more than a decade.

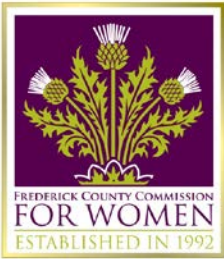
1) [HB 1342: State Government - Harassment and Discrimination.](#)

Overhauls sexual harassment prevention training, reporting and investigation procedures for the legislative branch. Requires independent investigators for

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complaints filed against legislators. Makes sexual harassment by a lobbyist towards any member of the legislative community unlawful. Prohibits the use of state funds for settling sexual harassment claims.

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Delegate Ariana Kelly

2) [SB270/HB301: Repeat Sexual Predator Bill](#)

Allows prosecutors to introduce evidence of sexually assaultive behavior that occurred before or after a defendant's alleged offense.

Delegate Vanessa Atterbear and Senator Jim Brochin

3) [SB0002/CH0003: Children Conceived without Consent-Termination of Parental Rights: \(Rape Survivor Family Protection Act\)](#) After nearly a decade of efforts by advocates, this legislation was signed by the Governor on February 13th meaning that Maryland will no longer be one of a handful of states without a law supporting victims of rape who wished to terminate the parental rights of their attacker.

Delegate Kathleen Dumais and Senator Brian Feldman

4) [SB402/HB251: Education-Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum-Boundaries and Consent](#)

Requires Maryland public schools to include age-appropriate instruction on consent and boundaries be taught in our schools' sex education classes. After the bill faltered on the last day of the 2017 session, it was gratifying to see the legislation enacted swiftly with bipartisan support this year.

Delegate Ariana Kelly and Senator Craig Zucker

5) [SB266/HB716: Maryland Health Care Commission-Mortality Rates of African American Infants and Infants in Rural Areas-Study](#)

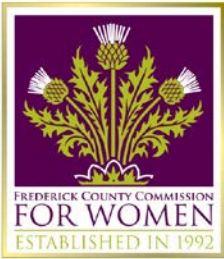
Requires that the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities conduct a study to address unacceptable racial and geographic disparities that exist among infant mortality rates in Maryland. The Caucus looks forward to the Commission's recommendation which the Commission is required to complete no later than June 2019.

Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegate Robbyn Lewis

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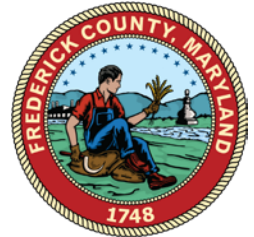
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6) [SB341/HB1118: Hunting-Required Outerwear-Daylight Fluorescent Pink](#) ill allow hunters to wear daylight fluorescent pink outerwear when hunting in addition to orange.

Senator Addie Eckardt and Delegate Christopher Adams

7) [SB578/HB633: Secretary of State -Address Confidentiality Programs-Shielding of Real Property Records](#): Allows domestic abuse and human trafficking victims to keep real estate property records private, that are normally public information, if they are enrolled in the address confidentiality program.

Delegate Anne Healey and Senator Susan Lee

8) [SB170/HB388: Criminal Procedure-Violation of Condition of Release](#):

Enables police to arrest domestic abusers who violate a condition of pretrial or post-trial release that prohibits the person contacting the victim before or after trial. The passage of this law adds an important tool for protecting survivors of domestic violence.

Delegate Aruna Miller and Senator Susan Lee

9) [SB598/HB797: Correctional Services-Inmates-Menstrual Hygiene Products](#):

Requires officials to make sure women in correctional facilities have a sufficient supply of free menstrual hygiene products.

Delegate Pam Queen and Senator Susan Lee

10) [HB1518: Public Health-Maternal Mortality Review-Committee](#)

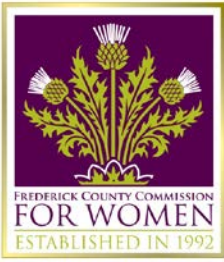
Designed to address the disparities in maternal death rates for African American women, this legislation requires the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to meet twice a year with impacted stakeholders and community organizations and include their recommendations in its annual report. This legislation ensures that those most impact are at the table and driving the solutions.

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins

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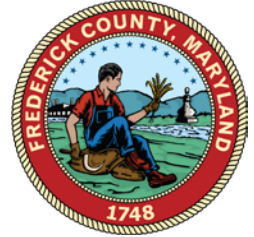
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- h. Leadership Alliance Dinner & Marketing Committee Report: Kimba**
 - i. LAD event was successful (87 people attended) with a profit of \$1833
 - ii. LAD Next Event date: Mar 21, 2019 6-9pm, Ceresville Mansion, Frederick, MD 21701). Newly elected Executive Committee will decide the venue and other key decisions for LAD in July 2018.

- i. Recruiting Efforts: Maura Page has applied for Commissioner's position

II. New Business

- a. Lakshmi New programs:** Lakshmi started a new volunteer organization called "Aavanee" that plans to turn non-profit in future. Initial programs include:

1. Mindful Yoga for Women (8-session workshop started on Apr 3)
2. STEM program for primarily girls

A proposal for collaboration with CFW was presented. Some members showed interest in the STEM program.

- b. Commissioner, Guest Announcements and Liaison Reports:**

- i. All Community events shared on CFW Facebook page

III. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

IV. Closed Session for Commissioners to vote on FCCFW member

Maura Page's application for Commissioner was approved unanimously by members.

V. Closed Session for Commissioners to vote on FCCFW Officers (2018-2019)

- i. Annie Jones was voted as the President
- ii. Rosario Campos was voted as the Vice-President
- iii. Jessica Kent was voted as Treasurer
- iv. Lakshmi Darbha was voted as Recorder
- v. Lois Jarman will continue as Past President

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