



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018, 9:00 – 11:00

Nash School, Augusta

In Attendance: Jill Randall, Amy Gallant, Holly Stover

Participating remotely: Fatuma Hussein, Samantha Lott Hale, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Meredith Strang-Burgess

Absent: Kelly Bentley, Regina Rooney, Cara Courchesne, Marianne Moore

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from February 14, 2018 meeting by Holly, Ruth second, all in favor.

Webinar opportunity (Holly & Amy)

NEWPI asked if the Maine PCSW would like to conduct a webinar on how an unfunded commission gets things done. Webinars are held on Fridays at 3:00pm and last 45 minutes. Amy will suggest June 22. Holly will create a draft for a PowerPoint. Amy will ask about technical requirements. Will conduct from Nash School with any members who would like to participate. Nikki will not be available.

Agenda content for upcoming meetings (Amy)

-Information sharing with similar organizations

Invite groups similar to us to meet with us for information sharing. How are we different? Amy will look in the minutes for the list and circulate by Friday.

-Legislative requests – Past/present legislators, please share your experience on how the commission can effectively engage.

ERA bill –

- Ask Eloise (pro) and Ellie Espling (con) to attend retreat on June 13 to discuss. Also invite the Lewiston delegation to attend.
- What do we add to the conversation that isn't already covered by other Maine women's organizations and how do we remain non-partisan if we do so?

Summer Retreat Planning (Amy)

June meeting will be the summer retreat. 10:00-1:30 in Lewiston. August meeting cancelled.

- Fatuma will secure venue and organize lunch.
- Consider Jane Haskell or Desti as a facilitator
- Amy and Holly will work on agenda items:
ERA bill, Equity of STEM legislation/21st Century Economy and Work Force Task Force, NEWPI breakout session planning/webinar/conference costs, Grant project update

Update- Project Plan and Funding (Kelly)

Table until June 13

Update- New England Women's Policy Conference (Holly)

- Save the date- Friday, November 16. Next call April 26. Venue -JFK Library. Keynote confirmed. Hoping Elizabeth Warren and Susan Collins will co-sponsor. No time commitment required although Sen. Warren may participate. Holly will contact Andrea for the last request to Collins and forward to Meredith.
- PCSW needs to consider funding to get members to the conference.

Closing & Next Steps

- Next meeting on June 13.
- Motion to adjourn by Jill, Meredith seconded, all in favor, approved.