



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020, 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

In attendance: Rebecca Austin, Bonnie, Anne Gass, Fatuma Hussein, Darylen Cote, Kate Elmes, Jennifer Wilkey, Susan Mackey Andrews, Samantha Lott Hale, Jill Randall, Meredith Strang Burgess

August meeting minutes

- Bonnie moved, Anne seconded
- Approved

Childcare Panel

- In place for October 20th at 1 – 2 PM
 - Many different backgrounds represented for the panel
 - Moderated by Rachel Talbot-Ross
 - Did a run-through earlier this week looking at the format and questions
 - Will use data around childcare, economics, and women of color to introduce topic/discussion
 - Well-rounded, quality childcare and what does it look like – it is a universal issue
 - This is the right time to have this discussion
 - What are we trying to accomplish
 - o For legislators to pay attention to the recommendations made in the PCSW report
 - o Making sure the right audience hears this
 - o Hear from women of color and for them to educate us (highlight what was missing in our report)
 - o Create a call to action
 - o Record the webinar so it can be viewed later
 - Send out to all sitting legislators/policymakers and networks
 - o FB event
 - o Email
 - Registration is preferred; it will also be streamed on Facebook (to be confirmed)
 - A talk about reality on the ground but also a hopeful path
 - How do we thank these women?
 - Take their recommendations seriously as a commission
 - Should reach out to have seats filled with diversity on the commission
 - Here's the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/355988045510499>
- Link to register (also in the event info):
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_53yCNI0GSDqTRXP0ga_XuA?fbclid=IwAR0eZosAUrbSctd07-Ybj-aEtJXcZxeLT1kDVkG5-NuF49D_JroYwsgExg

What is the role and scope of the commission?

- Non-partisan commission but what level of comfort do we have regarding recommendations on issues that can seem partisan
- To consider what issues are non-partisan but may seem partisan/have been politicized to stay true
- Existence of commission is for the advocacy for women and women's issues
- Think about end goal and work with people to help advocate for change without people shutting down before the conversation can even happen
- Make a framing document – what is it important for us to do from a lived inclusivity of women's lens
- Have a retreat?
- How to educate others that the commission exists?

Filling commission seats

- Come up with the ask for filling the seats
 - o Empty seats (all Gov appointments):
 - REPRESENT THE ELDERLY (Jill)
 - LOW-INCOME PEOPLE REPRESENT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
 - REPRESENT AND WORK WITH VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (Rebecca)
 - REPRESENT THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES IN THE STATE
 - All at large seats (filled by Senate and House leaders) are filled.
 - We also need the Gov to officially appoint Rebecca as Chair
 - o Recommendations to the Governor, etc.
 - o They will do the background work
 - o Sue will talk with the Governor
 - o Commission members to contribute names to a Google doc that Kate is creating; consider geographic areas as well
 - o Learn about the history of the tribal seat from Nicole – Rebecca will reach out
 - o Goal to go into 2021 with a full commission

PCSW Website

- Would like to update the website as it looks old; might not be able to as it is part of SOS office
- Would be great to have a small budget
 - o Have a small amount left over from a grant that Kelly Bentley wrote
 - o Need to learn more about it from Nicole and about the process for requesting to use it
- What are our values and priorities?
- Could maybe use more images and/or make updates; worth asking the office
- Must give details for requested changes
- Put up recording when we have it

Action items:

- How to thank panelists – Rebecca will ask Fatuma for thoughts (action is most important)
 - o Note of thanks and a commitment to go forward with the intent to make things happen

- Follow-up with what we do
- Volunteers to write thank yous – Jennifer to draft
- Learn about the history of the tribal seat from Nicole – Rebecca will reach out
- Have subcommittees meet over next couple weeks
- Shore up membership via email

Next meeting: December 17th meeting