

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
June 14, 2017, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Office of the Secretary of State, Nash School, Augusta

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review

In attendance: Regina Rooney, Vera Roberts

Attending Remotely: Marianne Moore, Kelly Bentley, Meredith Strang Burgess, Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Fatuma Hussein

Absent: Ruth Kermish-Allen, Cara Courchesne, Samantha Lott Hale, Amy Gallant, Holly Stover, Marjorie Crowley

Establish quorum & approve minutes from April - No quorum

Membership & Committee Updates – Regina

- Marianne’s term expired in November. Regina will forward an updated copy of her resume and Vera’s.
- Resubmitted Jennifer Galipeau’s name in May for seat 11 – Jane’s seat – to Dorothy Havey.
- Sarah leaving the commission - expires 8/1/17.
- Report Committee Chair not needed at this time. Will reappoint in a year.

Discussion, Review & Approval of Legislative Policy Criteria (Amy)

- Second sentence add, “as one part of our charge we advise the Governor and the Legislature...”
- Timing and Approval –“at one of its regularly scheduled meetings,” and specify that the PCSW meets every other month.
- Delete “policy”
- Content –Make it clear that these are some of the criteria, but not necessarily all. Change to, “including, but not limited to, the areas of...”

Discussion about the lead time required for submitting a request of support to the commission. Concern about the ability of all members to review in a timely manner and how to respond if there is no consensus. May decide it doesn’t fall in purview of commission. No capacity to lobby and look at legislation.

No quorum to approve today. Regina will edit and email for feedback, review, and discussion - possibly at the retreat.

NEWPI project – Regina

Tried to follow-up. No response from NEWPI. Kelly had a student lined up but had to take another job. How to move ahead without money from NEWPI? Tracking data around Maine’s increased child morbidity and tying in to WIC data.

PCSW Planning Retreat? Regina

Longer goals. How proactive/reactive to be? Vera has the space. Looking at October or November.

Next Steps

Motion to close the meeting – Vera, second – Meredith second, all in favor. Meeting ended at 10:25. Next meeting August 9, 2017 from 9:00 – 11:00