

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
December 14, 2016, 12:00 pm -2:00 pm
Office of the Secretary of State, Nash School, Augusta

I. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Regina Rooney, Cara Courchesne, Guest- Jill Randall, Legal Services for the Elderly

Attending remotely: Marianne Moore, Samantha Lott Hale, Rebekah Smith

Absent: Amy Gallant, Jane Haskell, Holly Stover, Fatuma Hussein, Vera Roberts, Marjorie Crowley

II. Approve minutes from August 10, 2016 and October 12, 2016 meetings

No quorum to approve.

III. NEWPI Conference

Amy moderated 2 forums. Not here today. We will find out about it next time.

IV. Report - Regina

Looking for feedback on the 5 pages sent this week. Everyone has seen them. No one has sent changes. Agreement in group present to move forward. Once edited, can disseminate.

Send electronically to incoming legislators. Regina will draft the email this week to be sent on Monday (12/19/16) from Sarah (Acting Chair) and Regina (Report Chair). It will have one attachment with a pdf of all pages. Send to Eloise with a different cover. Follow-up email on 1/9/17 to plan legislative visits starting in January.

- Use hardcopies for visits. Do we need talking points for the meetings?
- Goal: continue to raise the profile of this commission and bring attention to the policy recommendations.
- Follow-up with staff who attended the meeting this summer (or replacements).
- Marianne will send final copies to the Washington County legislative delegation.
- Any value in sending hardcopies to all libraries again?
- Sam – After they go out, should we start posting one a week on fb?

V. Membership updates:

- Jill Randall here today - Attended UM-bachelors and masters in English, law school. Legal Services for the Elderly- Helpline and Medicare Services Director. Issue areas: Poverty and the socio-economic issues that go with it, aging in the home, affordable housing, transportation, etc.
- Regina following up on tribal seat.
- Marianne and Vera need to be reappointed.
- Need to decide commission leadership. Conversation at the next meeting. Contact Sarah if you are interested in having a particular role.

VI. Hall of Flags

Reserved for PCSW 9am-noon on 3/23/16. Deposit required which is returned. Usually groups pay for food from the caf. Commission affiliations can be there. Regina will follow-up with Amy about deposit. Sarah can also speak with Vera.

VII. Next Meeting

February (no date set)

Motion to close the meeting – Sarah, second – Regina. Meeting ended at 1:16