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Heidi Sue LeBoeuf
Jennifer Madson

City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Tuesday February 7th, 2017, 5:45 PM
Worcester City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber 3rd Flr.

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Jennifer Maddox , Donna Connolly, Amanda Gregoire, Deborah Hall, Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, Jennifer Madson

Absent:

Staff: Jayna Turchek and Simon Elliott

1. Call to Order and Introductions at 5:47pm

2. Review of minutes January 3rd, 2017

Chairperson Maddox requested to amend replacing First Aid with Mental Health First Aid on the bottom of the first page. Jennifer Madson motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Amanda Gregoire seconded. Unanimously approved as amended.

3. New Business:

A. Discuss Equal Pay Day/Women's Economic Literacy Event

Amanda Gregoire informed the Committee that the trainer from Merrill Lynch is not available to provide a workshop on Equal Pay Day, April 4, 2017. Director Turchek recommended that the event be held later in April, with a Mayoral Proclamation the week of Equal Pay Day to announce the event. Amanda Gregoire will reach out to Merrill Lynch to schedule this event. The Committee members discussed requirements for the event venue. The Committee agreed that the event be held in an accessible, private, locally and woman-owned business.

4. Old Business- Discussion:

A. Review of mental health campaign

Chair Maddox informed the Committee that she spoke with Dr. Travis from the Division of Public Health and relayed information about the current projects being undertaken as part of the mental health campaign. Chair suggested that the Committee be a leader on this campaign, with a special emphasis on the Collaborative Care Model and Community forum. The Committee expressed interest in pursuing this initiative, given that the Community Health Initiative Plan (CHIP) runs until 2020. Donna Connolly motioned that the Committee take the lead on the forum going forward. Jennifer Madson seconded. Unanimously approved. The Committee will discuss next steps at the next meeting.



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B. Update on planning for 2017 International Women’s Day (March 8th)

Deb Hall clarified that due to a scheduling conflict with Attorney General Maura Healy, the event will now be held on March 7th, 5:00-7:00PM. The next planning meeting will be on February 8th at 9:30AM at the YWCA, in the Boardroom. Deb Hall asked Director Turchek if the Committee ought to solicit vendors for the event, and whether or not the Committee had its own budget. The Director advised that the Committee not to solicit vendors and suggested the Committee serve more to assist with promoting event. Jennifer Madson proposed that the Committee meet on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 6:00PM in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, as the event on March 7th would conflict with the Committee’s next meeting. The Committee agreed.

C. Planning for ACSW 40th year anniversary (2017)

Jennifer Madson informed the Committee that she spoke with the CEO at Girls Inc., and that Girls Inc. would be willing to sponsor and/or host the event. Heidi LeBoeuf was not able to reach out to past Committee members. Director Turchek will share the list with the Committee prior to the next meeting.

D. Update on planning for 100th year anniversary of women’s right to vote

Amanda Gregoire informed the Committee that she is willing to attend the Abby Kelley event meeting on March 1st at 5:00-7:00PM in the Saxe room at the Worcester Public Library. The Chair and Deb Hall will also try to attend.

5. Strategic planning follow up:

A. Review compilation of topics for future discussion/goals/deliverables

The Committee expressed pleasure that they were ahead of their promised goals and deliverables for the year.

B. Review timeline

Upcoming events:

- April Equal Pay Day (date, location, venue and invitees TBD)
- Right to vote anniversary (TBD 2020, planning meetings in process)
- ACSW 40th anniversary (Fall 2017)
- Mental health campaign (Forum 2017)
- Young/Women of Consequence Awards (March 2018)

6. Next Meeting: March 14, 2017 at 6:00PM

7. Adjournment at 6:15 pm