



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *of* PROGRAMS *and* PLANNING

LOUISIANA WOMEN'S POLICY AND RESEARCH COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES

May 15, 2019

State Capitol, 4th Floor Press Room

Members in Attendance:

Laura Badeaux	Gail Gibson	Mandi Mitchell
Tonya Bolden-Ball	Sen. Sharon Hewitt	Sen. Beth Mizell
Amanda Brunson	Melissa Horton	Dr. Shanta Proctor
Charmaine Caccioppi	Frances Kelley	Lynda Woolard
Berkley Durbin	Dr. Anna Mahoney	

Guests in Attendance:

Pamela Allison	Barry Dusse	Matthew Wallace
Leslie Ricard Chambers	Trin Johnson	

Staff in Attendance:

Amanda Brunson, Office on Women's Policy- Executive Director
Tewabetch Negatu, Office on Women's Policy- Community Specialist

Call to Order:

Charmaine Caccioppi called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. and provided a welcome.

Approval of Minutes:

A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, so approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Shared Learning:

Barry Dusse, state director of planning and budget, provided an overview of the state budget process. Governmental agencies will submit forms electronically for the first time this year.

Legislative Updates:

Mandi Mitchell (Economic Development), Leslie Ricard Chambers (Governor's Office) and Melissa Horton (Children and Family Services) each provided information on their respective departments' legislative packages.

Commission members were also provided with a list of all pending legislation that primarily or disproportionately impacts women.

Annual Report to the Governor:

Two technical changes were made to the draft 2018 Annual Report. Additional edits were discussed but the commission decided not to proceed with them due to time and resource constraints. Ms. Mitchell moved to approve the report as amended. Berkley Durbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittees and Membership:

Amanda Brunson reported that the Office on Women's Policy is operating under a 5-year strategic plan and shared the plan's goals. The plan is driven by social determinants of health. Ms. Brunson suggested that the existing subcommittees be revised to reflect these. Specifically, the new subcommittees would be Economic Stability, Education, Health & Health Care and Social & Community Context.

Discussions were held regarding the importance of making impact outside of the creation of the annual report. Members expressed a desire to engage women through a grassroots approach. There are many women's organizations statewide that would be willing to partner with the commission to engage women locally. Members expressed a desire to be proactive and timely. To manage this work, the commission is interested in creating an Engagement Subcommittee.

The commission also expressed an interest in organizing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. Senator Mizell authored SCR 39 during the current session which recognizes the centennial.

At the request of the commission, Ms. Brunson will email a description of each of these subcommittees and illustrate how the current commission priorities would fit into the new matrix.

Adjournment:

There being no other business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Upcoming commission meetings:

Thursday, August 15, 2019
Thursday, November 7, 2019

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