



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

A Pasco County Board of County Commissioners Advisory Board

June 5, 2017

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Attendance

In Attendance:

1. Aleacia Guy
2. Gail Armstrong
3. Cheryl Pollack
4. Amanda Colon
5. Kelly Mothershead
6. Rosie Paulsen
7. Krista Covey
8. Melanie Storms
9. Kelly Sinn
10. Nicole Deese
11. Nancy Dougherty

III. Public Comment

Elaine Togneri-Pasco NOW: Elaine expressed her concern for the power structure in Pasco for women. Women are underrepresented in power positions in Pasco. She brought a handout for all board members. She wants us to think about why women aren't running for office. She stated Pasco needs more women and more diversity.

Brandi Geolt-West Coast Aids Foundation: Brandi brought up issues surrounding women's reproductive health including pap smears/mammograms, Hepatitis C outbreaks, and healthcare for women. Pasco will have our first HIV infected newborn this year; she was discouraged that this issue was dismissed as too political at our last meeting and wants the board to reconsider this as a top issue.

Monica Rousseau-Baycare Behavioral Health (ASAP): Monica explained that Pasco is the fourth highest county with babies addicted to opiates. She also brought up the Hepatitis C outbreak due to needle sharing in our county. She expressed the need to stomp out the stigma associated with drug addiction and overdose. Pasco has the fifth highest number of cases of drug poisoning overdoses in the state.

Angie Perkins: Angie has lived in Pasco for 34 years; she has been in home health as a nurse and wants to lift up her neighborhood, the Moon Lake area. She would like the opportunity to provide input on the issues affecting Pasco County residents.

Jasmine (could not hear her last name)-African American Club: Jasmine would like the board to consider issues of children and environmental concerns.

Chris Cauley brought up information regarding homeless navigation meetings. He provided handouts and meeting dates.

Sally Wilson-Retired and works part-time in a daycare: Sally brought up low income and concerns with children and parents. She stated that she is a concerned citizen.

IV. Minutes

Discussion to correct misspellings in the minutes from last month as well as corrections to the charts as follows:

Health/Safety	Education	Economic/Prosperity/Promotion
Domestic/Sexual Violence	Drug/Alcohol Addiction and Awareness	Political/Government Positions for Women
Drug/Pill/Alcohol Epidemic	Asset Mapping	Women Entrepreneurs
Mental Health	Financial Literacy	Homelessness/Affordable Housing
Women’s Health	Single Moms	Affordable Daycare
Veterans Services/Deployment	Mental Health	Work Schedules
Human Trafficking	Veterans Services	
	Aging Adults/Grandparents	

Health/Safety (A)	Education (B)	Economic Prosperity/Promotion (C)
Aleacia	Kelly M	Rosie
Melanie	Stefanie	Amanda
Kelly Sinn	Suzanne	Nancy
Nicole	Gail	Open
Cheryl	Lisa	open

A motion to approve the minutes with these corrections was made by Krista Covey, seconded by Gail Armstrong. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

V. Old Business

1. Review of Subcommittees: Amanda Colon motioned to table subcommittee Chairs discussion and voting until August meeting. Kelly Mothershead seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

2. Amanda made a motion to add Human Trafficking to the subcommittees under Health/Safety and Work Schedules under Economic Prosperity and Promotion. Krista seconded this motion; all were in favor; motion carried.

VI. New Business

1. Krista Covey stated that she regrets that she must step down from the board as well as her newly elected position of Vice Chair, due to her moving out of state. Krista Covey motioned to elect Kelly Mothershead as new Vice Chair since she was second on the list that was previously voted. Melanie Storms seconded the motion; all were in favor; the motion carried. Kelly Mothershead will assume the Vice Chair position but continued to take the minutes as interim secretary for this meeting. A new secretary will be voted on via email from Chris Cauley.
2. A public comment was made, but name was not provided. She brought up issues of elder care in Pasco. Amanda Colon assured her that elder care was covered, as we have not set any age groups for any of our issues, and Aging Adults is listed under Education on our chart.
3. Discussion was made about term commitments. The board members are elected for a three-year term; Officers are elected for one year beginning in March. Chris Cauley explained that our bylaws already state three-year board commitment. A motion was made by Krista Covey to adapt this as term commitments, and Gail Armstrong seconded this. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Discussion regarding subcommittees and task forces: Krista Covey explained the differences. Krista motioned to approve task forces instead of subcommittees. Aleacia Guy seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.
5. Kelly Mothershead discussed meeting with Monica Rousseau with Baycare Behavioral Health regarding educational pieces that could be used by our task force to educate in the workplace on drug/alcohol addiction and awareness. The new task force will look further into this, and Monica Rousseau will provide more details at the next meeting.
6. Rosie Paulsen invited everyone to the Hispanic Professional Women's Association Officers Installation and left flyers for everyone's consideration.

VII. Adjournment

1. Krista Covey motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Kelly Mothershead seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
2. The next meeting will be held August 7, 1:30 p.m. (same location).