



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

A Pasco County Board of County Commissioners Advisory Board

Meeting Location: Pasco County Utilities Administration Building
19420 Central Boulevard, Land O'Lakes, FL 34637

MINUTES

December 4th 2017: 1:30 pm. – 2:30 p.m.

I. **Call to Order:** Amanda Colon @ 1:35 pm

II. Commission Roll Call/Sign In/Attendance

- a. Amanda Colon
- b. Gail Armstrong
- c. Cheryl Pollock
- d. Kelly Mothershead
- e. Stefanie Pontlitz
- f. Nicole Newlon
- g. Melanie Storm
- h. Lauren St. Martin
- i. Rachael Williamson

Also in attendance: Johanna Rodriguez, Pasco County Board of County Commissioners.

III. Public Comment

- a. Monica Rousseau – Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP): Shared ASAP's efforts to continue data mining for substance abuse prevention and provided copies of the Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Profile of Alcohol and Drug Indicators, July 2017 report.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Stefanie's name was miss-spelled under the Roll Call list and so was Nicole's last name. Melanie Storm was missing from the Roll Call list. Kelley Mothershead was added twice on the Roll Call list. Cheryl's name was misspelled under the Old Business section. Motion to approve minutes with corrections called by Amanda. All in favor and motion agreed.

V. Old Business:

- a. The Commission will present their top priorities and progress to the BOCC during the January 9th board meeting in Dade City. Presenters will be:
 - i. Health and Safety (Cheryl Pollack & Rachael Williamson):
 - ii. Education (Stefanie Pontlitz):
 - iii. Economic Prosperity/Promotion (Amanda Colon & Nicole Newlon)

b. Other Old Business:

- i. After learning about the upcoming events the State Commission on the Status of Women holds, our Commission is interested in attending the Women's Legislative Summit in February. Johanna will let everyone know via email when more info becomes available and when registration opens.
- ii. The Commission also learned about the Women's History Essay Contest currently seeking entries from students in grades 6-8 until ~~December 15~~ January 12th. We agreed to share/post this information on our webpage to spread the word.
- iii. Another event the Commission learned about that the State Commission holds, and will share on our webpage is the 2018 Florida Women's Hall of Fame in September. Nominations are currently open until January 31st.

VI. New Business

- a. After reaching out to Hillsborough County to learn what areas/issues they are addressing, we learned they have established a 501c3 non-profit. Amanda mentioned it would be important for our Commission to also establish a non-profit for our future fundraising efforts.
- b. Amanda suggested it would be good for us to have lunch with them. Johanna can provide Beth Cardenas contact info at Hillsborough County to schedule this.

VII. Closing:

- a. Review of Assignments:
Sub-committee Chairs keep doing what you're doing. No PowerPoint for presentation to the board on January 9th.
- b. Nominations of new board in February. Rest of dates to be determined by new board.
- c. No meeting in January. Next Meeting, February 5th. Same time and location.

VIII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna A. Rodriguez.