



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

February 5, 2018: 1:30 p.m.

I. **Call to Order:** Kelly Mothershead @1:30 pm

II. **Commission Roll Call/Sign In**

1. Lauren St. Martin
2. Gail Armstrong
3. Aleacia Guy
4. Cheryl Pollock
5. Kelly Mothershead
6. Stefanie Pontlitz
7. Lisa Richardson
8. Nicole Newlon
9. Suzanne Legg
10. Nancy Dougherty
11. Rosario Torres
12. Rachael Williamson

Also in attendance: Johanna Rodriguez, Pasco County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Katherine Starkey called in to the meeting.

III. **Public Comment**

- a. Monica Rousseau – Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP): Provided data pertaining to substance abuse in Pasco County. Announced upcoming *Community Discussion on Opioid Overdose Prevention*; Thursday, March 8th, 2018, 6-8pm, at North Tampa Behavioral Health. Fliers were provided.

IV. **Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes by Stefanie and Lisa seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

V. **Old Business:**

- a. Report to BOCC on Top Priorities and Progress
Presentation will be on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018; in New Port Richey (11:30am time certain).**
 - i. Each subcommittee Chair (Cheryl, Stefanie and Nicole) will send to Amanda a condensed report consisting of each respective subcommittee's top priorities and progress. Amanda will present to the BOCC (3 minute

maximum). The Chairpersons will be on hand to answer any questions made by the Commissioners.

b. Other Old Business

- i. **The Women's Legislative Summit** is scheduled to take place February 6-7 in Tallahassee. The CSW was interested in attending. (Commissioner Starkey previously mentioned that the awards for the Women's History Essay Contest are presented at a special luncheon during the Summit.) No CSW members were able to attend the Legislative Summit this year. Remember to add this event to the CSW calendar for next year.
- ii. There was previous discussion for members to contact the Hillsborough Commission in order to learn what areas/issues they are addressing. Beth Cardenas is the contact at Hillsborough County. Beth can be reached at: (813) 276-2640 or via email at: CardenasE@hillsboroughcounty.org Kelly will reach out to Amanda to pursue setting up a luncheon as an opportunity for each commission to share and learn from one another. Re-address at next month's meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Nomination of new Board:
 - i. Nominations for positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary are now open. (Note: current Board may not hold the same position but may be nominated for a different position.)
 1. Kelly nominated for Chair by Stefanie. Kelly accepted.
 2. Nicole was nominated for Vice Chair by Kelly. Nicole accepted.
 3. Suzanne was nominated for Secretary by Lisa. Suzanne accepted.
 - ii. Additional nominations may be emailed to Johanna, and the vote will be held at the next monthly meeting.
- b. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year to be determined by new Board
 - i. Once the new Board is elected, Commission members will schedule meeting dates for the next 12 months.
 - ii. Discussion: Cheryl suggested that we consider changing the meeting start time to 2:30pm. There was verbal consensus; however, topic must be tabled until next month when the new Board slate is in place.
 - iii. Reminder that the CSW met 10 months the first year (no meeting July or December). Nicole will verify holidays on the calendar for the next 12 months and have that information at next month's meeting to assist in setting the new meeting schedule.
- c. For the Girls International is hosting a women's symposium on harassment and prevention of harassment on April 3rd, at the PHSC West Pasco Performing Arts Center. Pasco Hernando State College is a co-sponsor.

- i. Suzanne Legg spoke on behalf of For the Girls International, which is encouraging prevention of harassment through a new movement called “Not me”. Suzanne requested involvement by this Commission in the symposium. A motion was made by Aleacia that the CSW participate in the symposium as well as to seek permission for the use of the BOCC logo on event promotion materials. Gail seconded. Motion carried. Johanna will approach proper authorization channels to pursue permission of official logo use.
- d. Commissioner Starkey presented information on a new cultural event series, *Lectures on the Lawn*, which will be held “under the stars” at Starkey Ranch District Park.
 - i. Two events are confirmed, both with Dr. Michael Francis as presenter: Thursday, February 22nd, New Discoveries on an Old Frontier, and Thursday, May 3rd, Florida Wildlife Corridor: The Forgotten Coast. Time: 6:30 – 9:00pm. Cost = free.
 - ii. A promotional flier with further details has been emailed to all members. Please share.

VII. Closing:

- a. Review of Assignments:
- b. Agenda for next meeting
- c. REMINDER: Presentation to the BOCC is Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 11:30am (Time Certain) in New Port Richey. Please arrive no later than 11:00am.
- d. Next CSW meeting is: Monday, March 5, 2018.

VIII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Dougherty.