

City of Worcester
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Meeting Summary
Date: June 3rd , 2014
Worcester City Hall, 4th Floor

Members Present: Chantel Bethea, Robin Currie, Jessica Donovan, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Kathy Linton, Sarah Gruhin, Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, Karen Pelletier

Staff: Catherine Nash, Human Rights Specialist, Office of Human Rights and Disabilities

1. Call To Order:

There being a quorum the chair called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

2. Approval of the Minutes:

Liz Tomaszewski motioned to approve the 5/6/2014 and 5/20/2014 Minutes with correction.

3. June 19th, 2014 Older Women Worker Roundtable Outreach:

The Flyer was emailed to members to send out. Members were requested to confirm which of their invitees would be attending, and end to the Chair and Liaison to track the number of women who would be attending. The U.S. Department of Labor – Women’s Bureau facilitator requested inviting training professionals, employers, community based organization representatives, and older women employees. All members were requested to send the Chair and the Liaison the lists of organizations they had contacted in order to avoid duplication. The Chair and Ms. Currie confirmed that they planned to attend, and members Ms. Gruhin, and Ms. Donovan were not definite, but would try to attend.

4. July 2nd Civil Rights Act Commemoration Event Update:

The venue was confirmed for the Levi Lincoln Room, City Hall 3rd Fl 5:30pm-7pm. The Chair awaited confirmation from the speakers she had invited, Mr. Gordon Davis and his wife. She noted that he is an activist and on the Affirmative Action Commission and that she would confirm with the Committee by Friday. Ms. Atherley informed the Chair that, in the absence of a documentary, she would assemble video clips for the event. Regarding outreach, the Chair volunteered to create the program for the event as well as the flyer with an RSVP contact for members to disseminate. The outdoor/food portion of the event was not possible due to the limited timeframe and park permit difficulties.

5. Planning for the July 1st ACSW Meeting:

The Chair noted that ACSW calendar should be added as well as an Agenda item “Additional Business. Other items for the next meeting included a debriefing on Advocacy Day, the Women’s Roundtable on June 19th 2014, and discussion of an policy item suggested by Ms. Currie. The Chair was to confirm the attendance of the City

Manager, Mr. Edward M. Augustus, Jr. with a view toward his expectations for the ACSW going forward. She had planned to request the ACSW charter as well. Other suggested Agenda items included discussion of recruiting an Intern for which the Chair and Ms. Currie volunteered to write a job description. The Liaison clarified her role in executing the Administrative work and questioned the need for an Intern specifically for the ACSW. Finally, the addition of the October public hearing was added to the list of items for the next ACSW meeting. .

6. Adjournment was at 6:19pm