

City of Worcester
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Meeting Summary
Date: May 20th, 2014
Worcester City Hall, 4th Floor

Members Present: Chantel Bethea, Robin Currie, Jessica Donovan, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Kathy Linton, Sonya Atherley

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 5:35pm

2. Planning of the June 19th 2014 Roundtable discussion

The Chair provided more background on the event and confirmed the YWCA space had been reserved. It was noted that some older working women and under-employed women would not be able to make the timeframe outlined by Ms. Rizollo of the US Dept. of Labor/Women's Bureau (11:00 – 1:00pm.) Members asked the Liaison to request from her clarification on the results of Roundtable data, and which policies it might influence (local, State or Federal.) It was decided unanimously that if further information, and the promised flyer, were not available by Friday noon, May 23rd, the ACSW could not commit to gathering the 20 -25 women required and would have to cancel. It was suggested to include discussion about this on the next meeting's Agenda.

3. Planning of the July 2nd Civil Rights Act Commemoration

The planned Library venue being unavailable, the Liaison was asked to reserve the Levi Lincoln room from 5:30 – 7:30pm for the showing of a documentary film which Sonya Atherley volunteered to research. The Chair volunteered to invite a speaker to open the event. Members suggested in addition, they would like to explore extending the celebration into the Common and asked the Liaison to follow up regarding the possibility of a permit. They also expressed interest in having food truck vendors and offered to contact vendors whom they knew and discuss cost, etc., with them. The Chair volunteered to create the flyer. This event and Advocacy Day were suggested as items for the next meeting's Agenda.

4. Adjournment was at 6:27pm