



**MePCSW Meeting Minutes**  
April 11, 2019 - 9:00 am-10:30 am  
Nash School Building, Augusta

**In Attendance:** Jill Randall, Amy Gallant, Muriel Mosher, Rebecca Austin

**Participating Remotely:** Samantha Lott Hale, Meredith Strang-Burgess, Fatuma Hussein

**Absent:** Regina Rooney, Cara Courchesne, Kelly Bentley, Ruth Kermish-Allen

**Approval of minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from December 12, 2018 meeting by Jill, Sam second, all in favor

**New Commissioner Appointments**

Appointments:

- Muriel Mosher, Seat #10, Sen Pres, 4/5/19-11/28/19, retired from Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, serves on the New Ventures Maine advisory council.
- Amy Fried, Seat #9, Sen Pres, 4/5/19-11/28/19, political science professor at UMaine
- Kate Elmes, Seat #8, Sen Pres, 4/5/19-11/28/19, Trekkers

Nominees:

- Rebecca Austin-Safe Voices, Director of Advocacy
- Megan Hannan-Maine Women's Fund, Executive Director

Expressed interest:

- Clara McConnell, Good Shepherd Food Bank Director of Public Affairs
- Ruth Lawson-Stoppa, MSHA Dir of Homeless Initiatives

Fatuma will reach out to communities of color and members will reach out to tribal communities

**2019 Report**

Review:

- 2012 & 2015 – Used surveys for info gathering. Not statistically significant. Made recommendations.
- 2012 report developed with an assistant from the law school. Reached out to communities significantly underrepresented, women of color, low-income, under 18.
- 2015 report an update of 2012, supplemented with additional surveys. Distributed to every library across the state.
- 2017 report took a different approach- no survey. Required to provide a report of what the commission is up to. Pulled info from previous reports and produced one-pagers. Hall of Flags.

Looking ahead to 2019 report:

- Established a report sub-committee: Muriel, Meredith, Kelly
- Reach out to schools for an intern to help pull the data together – use NEWPI funds
- Focus on the survey for the rest of 2019 and produce a report in 2020 - line up with 100 year anniversary of Women's Suffrage
- 2019 Include work with the New England's Women's Policy Institute
- 2020 Targeted, grass-roots data collection of underserved voices and rural communities
- Develop method to measure results of the report

### **Retreat**

- Keep June meeting as scheduled (6/12/19)
- Add a September meeting for retreat: Thursday September 12, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Try to reserve the Bangor Savings Bank space in Augusta.

Tentative Agenda:

- Welcome new Commissioners
- Update on 2019/2020 Report
- Potential engagement in Women's Suffrage Centennial
- Potluck lunch

### **Conclude**

- Motion to adjourn by Jill, Meredith second, all in favor.
- Adjourn at 10:08
- Next meeting Wednesday, June 12, 9:00-10:30am at Nash School