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:
- 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-Stopps, 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 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