**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2020**

Commissioners Present: K.D. Ann Welsh, Vivian Slade, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Ruebe Holmes, Aquaris Anderson, Brianna VanStekelenburg, Milicia Tedder, Jenny Gomez, Jessica Slice, Tamika McRae, Kim Cameron

Commissioners Absent: Patti Black and Olivia Horton

**Chair Report - Vivian Slade**

*Durham Crisis Response Center Sexual Assault Response Team/Domestic Violence Response Team meeting*

Information provided is as follows: victims are able to receive rapid screening; “curbside” drive up are completed by police department for evidence; when police are called to homes, they are using body cameras and not entering homes; people are not reporting; not holding criminal courts, only first appearances; decrease in sexual assaults but a rise with children; decrease in calls from frequent callers but an increase with new cases; Mother’s Day was active and Memorial Day there is an increase expected; sheltering services are still available.

*Nomination Committee*

Cynthia Bland and Milicia Tedder voted on as members of nominating committee. Nominees will need to let committee know they are interested so the committee can vote during June meeting with appointment starting in July.

**Vice Chair Report - Ruebe Holmes**

*Social Media and Newsletter*

- Posting regarding Census 2020

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month

- Members that are interested should email information to her

- Still working on newsletter

*Resources Booklet*

Jenny Gomez is working on compiling contact information to send out resource booklet created by Alex, our previous intern. She will likely reach out to the people/organizations to ensure they approve before being featured.

**Resolutions/Black Maternal Health Stakeholder & Community Partner Retreat - Joy Spencer**

Vivian will submit one of two resolutions to the Board this week; Black Maternal Health can be submitted at a later time. Vivian will follow up with Joy on having a virtual meeting with community partners.

**CEDAW Committee - Olivia Horton**

Maria wants to conduct interviews with Zion, Vivian, and Olivia.

**Approve April meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes reviewed and approved

**Additional Conversations:**

- Thinking about things that we can do as a commission. Potential for opportunities to partner with Shauna from UNC.

- We have one month left to utilize funding provided by the County. There was recommendation to put funds towards face coverings. Deadline to give recommendations is May 29th.

**Announcements**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Remember self-care!