**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 24, 2020**

Commissioners Present: Pattie Black, Joy Spencer, Brianna Van Stekelenburg, Vivian Slade, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Ruebe Holmes, Aquaris Anderson, Milicia Tedder, Jenny Gomez, Tamika McRae, Cheryl Ann Welsh

Commissioners Absent: K.D. Ann Welsh and Sara Bausch

**Chair Report - Vivian Slade**

Vivian opened with a quick check-in of members, and reported on the [NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement](https://ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/divisions/council-women/nc-council-women-youth-involvement) and the [Status of Women](https://ncadmin.nc.gov/advocacy/women/status-women-north-carolina): Political Participation report and webinars held throughout the month of August. The Launch is August 25 and registration is required. Vivian shared that North Carolina has a “D” for women in politics and is 35th in our nation for female participation. The full report can be [found here](https://files.nc.gov/ncdoa/CFWYI/The-Status-of-Women-in-North-Carolina-Political-Participation_UPDATED.pdf).

Vivian also shared the Women’s Commission’s Reproductive Resolution request was approved and will be on the agenda of the County Commissioner’s meeting on Monday, September 14. \

The Women’s Commission Executive Committee will meet this month, discussing roles and responsibilities of executive members and to draft recommendations on issues to focus on during the upcoming year.

**Vice Chair Report – Jenny Gomez**

Jenny has reviewed the spreadsheet and has circulated to Durham organizations. Cheryl Ann suggested sending the link to all the organizations listed as well and sharing with [North Carolina Center for Nonprofits.](https://www.ncnonprofits.org/) Cheryl Ann has also offered to be a second contact for the resource booklet. Aquarius suggests adding a disclaimer to the booklet. Vivian should hear from Dr. Williams at UNC regarding funds to assist with the booklet.

**Committee Updates**

* Joy is will be reaching out to leaders in the Black Maternal Health sector, hoping to ensure DCWC doesn’t create a “superficial” resolution. Joy will send the survey to all Members for feedback and input by Tuesday 9/1, then send widely to any Black Maternal Health stakeholder by Friday, 9/11, having community input prepared by Friday 9/25 and presented at our next meeting (9/28). Patti recommends looking into Survey Monkey for costs and spending some money on an account for the survey; Cheryl Ann inquired whether the DCWC is allowed to accept donations from the community to help with costs, Patti will inquire with the County. Cynthia has offered to serve as the statistician for survey results.
* Social Justice Committee (Aquarius, Cynthia, Patti) created a presentation for RTP Jobs Council, modeled after New York Jobs Council. See the [full presentation here](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1566faMY2ldtCkQ3uw14OEVVOI3aVKYGF13SqCfARp5s/edit#slide=id.p1). Cheryl Ann suggested sending to Research Triangle Foundation. Committee will update at our September meeting.
* Social Media and Newsletter- Ruebe and Milicia will work on a quarterly newsletter for July/August/September, please send ideas for newsletter and/or social media posts!

**Treasurer’s Report- Patti**

No update. We currently have our full annual budget of $500.

**Approve July meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes approved by Jenny, Cynthia second.

**Announcements:**

- Black Mama Car Parade will beheld Saturday, August 29. Details found [here](https://www.facebook.com/events/2100-angier-ave-durham-nc-27703-united-states/black-mamas-car-parade/361143518623863/).