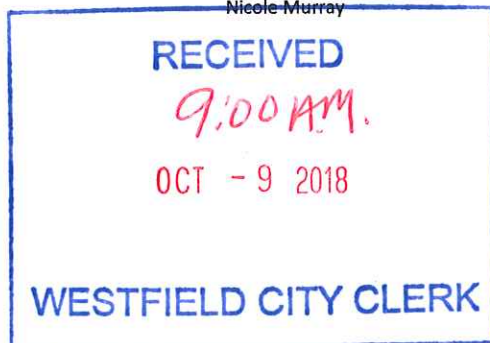


Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

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October 4, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

Let this serve as notice pursuant to Open Meeting Law, M.G.L.c. 30A sections 18 -25 of a meeting of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HCCSWG).

On April 25, 2017, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women inaugurated nine commissioners to a newly formed regional commission created to study and report the status of women and girls in Hampden County. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is "a state -established body charged with reviewing the status of women in Massachusetts and offering recommendations regarding policy that would improve access to opportunities and equality." The regional commissions have been created to target specific geographical regions to make sure that the needs of women across the state are met.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Palmer Public Library , Three Rivers Conference Room, 1st Floor , 1455 North Main Street , Palmer, MA 01069 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

This meeting is open to the public, and we encourage members of the community to attend. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be set aside for members of the public to present anything they wish the Commission to consider. Anyone who wishes to speak during this allotted time should email the HCCSWG Chairperson, Dawn DiStefano, at HCCSWG@gmail.com with their intention so the HCCSWG may plan accordingly. Members of the public will only be recognized by the Commission to speak during the opening public presentation segment, and only if prior notice is provided.

Sincerely,

Michelle Goncalves
Secretary, HCCSWG

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Agenda

October 11, 2018

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Palmer Public Library
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Palmer, MA 01069

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Public Speak Out (15 minutes)
- III. Community-Based Doula Initiative Presentation
- IV. Subcommittee Meetings
- V. Approval of minutes from September 13, 2018 meeting
- VI. Chair report
- VII. Vice Chair report
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications/Social Media
 - b. Program & Planning
 - c. Legislative
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Fall HCCSWG Hearing
 - b. Constituent/Community Survey
 - c. MCSW Turners Falls Hearing on 10/25
- X. New Business
 - a. MCSW Funding Opportunity
 - b. Ranking of Commissioner Applications
- XI. Any Other Items that may Lawfully Come Before this Body
- XII. Adjournment