

Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls



DRAFT Minutes

July 11, 2019

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bilingual Veterans Outreach Centers of Massachusetts, Inc.

40 Cass Street

Springfield, MA 01104

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:16 PM
 - b. Present: Goncalves (Ludlow), Hallberg (Wilbraham), Metsch (Longmeadow), Ogulewicz (Westfield), DiStefano (West Springfield)
 - c. Absent: Spruell (Springfield), Spalding (Springfield)
- II. Public Speak Out (15 Minutes)
 - a. No members of the present public
- III. Approval of minutes from May 2, 2019
 - a. Hallberg moves to accept minutes; Metsch seconds; Passes unanimously
- IV. Chair Report
 - a. Chair DiStefano was on a panel at the Invest in Girls Alliance conference and reports that the alliance is interested in supporting other alliances and collecting and sharing data, particularly around middle school aged individuals.
 - i. Commissioner Hallberg is involved with the Alliance and will present on it at the October HCCSWG meeting.
 - ii. Hallberg reports that there is a need to better educate groups like the alliance on the role of the HCCSWG.

- b. September meeting will include some housekeeping items
 - i. Commissioners are asked to think about processes and standards for how and when to book space for our meetings. Should we consider anchor buildings across the county instead of finding new location every month? Should we consider posting meeting notices in local papers in addition to Town Halls?
- c. Women's Fund of WMass has requested time at a meeting to present their Research Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Western MA.
 - i. Goncalves will invite them to the September HCCSWG meeting.
- d. Ellen Moorhouse has resigned from the HCCSWG. HCCSWG thanks Moorhouse for her service.
- e. Metsch moves to accept Chair's report; Ogulewicz seconds; passes unanimously.

V. Vice Chair Report

- a. Vice Chair was not present.

VI. Old Business

- a. Legislative Breakfast
 - i. Five legislative offices were present at the breakfast. HCCSWG will work to plan another breakfast in future years.
- b. MCSW Advocacy Day
 - i. Commissioners discussed the difficulty of advocating to legislators during advocacy day and the need for individual commissions to reach out to local legislators prior to the event.
 - ii. DiStefano testified on behalf of the affordable childcare bill.

- iii. Regional commissioners were unaware of what testimony MCSW was providing until the day of. This communication could be improved.

VII. New Business

a. HCCSWG Officer Nominations and Elections

i. Nominations for Secretary

1. Metsch nominates Spruell for secretary; Ogulewicz seconds; discussion occurred around the need to have a commissioner fill a communications gap left with the resignation of Moorhouse and the potential to create a new officer position that works to make sure appropriate outreach occurs throughout the county, while the secretary continues to be responsible for minutes and public notices. Vote taken with none in favor of motion. Motion failed
2. Hallberg nominates Goncalves for secretary; Metsch seconds; passes unanimously

ii. Nominations for Chair

1. Hallberg nominates DiStefano for Chair; Ogulewicz seconds; Passes unanimously

iii. Nominations for Vice Chair

1. Ogulewicz nominates Hallberg for Vice Chair; Metsch seconds; passes unanimously

iv. Hallberg moves to create Communication and Outreach Officer position; Metsch seconds; Passes unanimously

v. Metsch nominates Spruell for Communication and Outreach Officer; Ogulewicz seconds; Passes unanimously

VIII. Any Other Items That May Come Before this Body

- i. Sasha Heggie-Jackson from MCSW has requested to speak at a September or October meeting to discuss the process of appointing commissioners.
- ii. Ogulewicz moves to enter executive session at 7:09 PM to discuss new commissioner applications; Metsch seconds; passes unanimously
- iii. HCCSWG comes out of executive session at 7:18 PM

IX. Adjournment

- a. Ogulewicz moves to adjourn; Metsch seconds; Passes unanimously.
- b. Adjourns at 7:19 PM