

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**401 Hungerford Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 30, 2010**

**7:12 p.m.**

**ATTENDING**

Leila Aridi Afas  
Jennifer Cryor Baldwin  
Chandra Walker Holloway  
Wilma K. Holmes  
Resa Levy  
Ivonne C. Lindley  
Jaclyn Lichter Vincent  
Leticia Mederos  
Larniece McKoy Moore  
Manar S. Morales  
Regina L. Oldak  
Sanjay Rai  
Jocelyn Samuels  
Jane C. Smith

**STAFF**

Ruby V. Marcelo  
Paula S. Rodgers  
Judith Vaughan-Prather  
Gersenda Varisco

**ABSENT**

Vanessa E. Atterbeary

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**I. NACW CONFERENCE AGENDA PLANNING.....Leila Aridi Afas**

The Conference Agenda Planning Committee convened at 6:00 p.m. Chair Aridi Afas reported on the following:

**A. Registrations**

To date, there are 62 persons registered for the full conference and 12 registered for the Saturday July 24th mini conference. The publicity is posted on MCCFW's and NACW's websites and email "blasts" reminders have been sent.

B. Budget/Sponsorship

Commissioner Levy expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners who helped obtain conference sponsors and to Kaiser Permanente, the Conference's lead sponsor. Coca Cola has declined to be a co-sponsor.

C. Concurrent Sessions and Program Booklet

A brief description of each concurrent session is needed from the moderators. Commissioner Aridi Afas will coordinate this effort and edit the concurrent session descriptions in the program booklet. Staff will provide a link on the MCCFW website that commissioners will be able to access in order to review and proof the draft program booklet. Gersenda Varisco will design a separate program booklet for the Saturday mini conference.

Montgomery County's Department of Information Technology is loaning the CFW three laptops for use at the Saturday mini conference and CFW will provide an additional laptop.

D. Tote Bags, Speaker Gifts and SWAG

An assortment of SWAG items have been obtained from sources such as the County's Department of Economic Development, AARP, the Fairfax and Prince George's County CFWs, and many others, including MCCFW which is donating coffee mugs left over from the department's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Commissioner Lindley has organized a tote bag assembling effort on July 20 at 4:00 p.m. Conference notebooks will be assembled on July 19 at 2:00 p.m.

**II. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER - APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES.....2nd Vice President Lindley**

Second Vice President Lindley officially called the business meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and said that President Vincent Lichter would be arriving later. First Vice President Atterbeary was unable to attend, however, she did arrange the commissioners' dinner for the meeting. Commissioners expressed their appreciation.

Executive Director Vaughan-Prather noted an addition to the agenda under New Business. Upon the motion made by Commissioner Aridi Afas and seconded by Commissioner Levy, the Agenda was approved as amended.

Administrative Specialist Rodgers pointed out that the attendance report of the May 26, 2010 Minutes showed Commissioner Oldak as being present when she was absent from that meeting. Upon the motion made by Commissioner Oldak and seconded by Commissioner Levy, the Minutes were approved with the correction.

### III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### A. New Commissioner Appointments

County Executive Leggett appointed Noha Bakr, Miriam Carter, and Nick Martinez to three-year terms on the Commission for Women. Commissioners Lindley and McKoy Moore were each reappointed to serve a second three-year term on MCCFW.

Those appointments are scheduled for confirmation by the County Council on July 13.

#### B. MLAW Membership

It is time to renew MCCFW's annual membership with the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women; however, county departments are still under a budgetary spending freeze. Commissioner McKoy Moore moved that CFW inform MLAW of its intent to renew the membership once the spending freeze is lifted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oldak and unanimously approved.

#### C. NACW Conference Updates .....Aridi Afas

Conference Chair Aridi Afas presented an update on plans for the NACW conference for those commissioners who were not present during the earlier Conference Agenda Planning meeting. *(Please also see the conference report in section I of these Minutes)*

(1) Conference Registration Desk - Commissioner McKoy Moore distributed a sign-up schedule for commissioners able to assist at the conference registration desk.

(2) Welcome Reception - Appreciation was expressed to all commissioners who donated money to sponsor the Welcome Reception for conference attendees. Commissioners were reminded of the pre reception for reception sponsors taking place from 5:30-6:30 in the Presidential Suite. Former MCCFW Presidents Connie Morella and Sharon Grosfeld will host both receptions.

(3) White House Briefing- Commissioners planning to attend the White House Briefing on July 23, must provide staff with personal information for security clearance.

(4) Capital Hill Briefing- Congressional representatives planning to speak or drop by include: Senator Ben Cardin, Congresswomen Donna Edwards and Rosa DeLauro, and Congressman Van Hollen. Commissioner Mederos recommended that she and Commissioner Samuels discuss the names of key congressional staffers who could fill in for representatives in the event the legislative session does not wrap up time. Commissioners Mederos and Samuels will moderate the luncheon program.

(5) "Mini" Conference – July 24, 2010 – Staff will acquire a flash drive for each session moderator so that panelists' presentations may be uploaded in advance.

Commissioners Aridi Afas, Rai and Smith volunteered to help with IT set-ups for each concurrent session.

**IV. STAFF REPORT .....Vaughan-Prather**

**A. Relocation of CFW/Counseling Center Facilities**

At the May 26, 2010 meeting, Commissioners discussed the idea of accepting donations from private sources that have offered to help with the relocation of the department because the county’s spending freeze prohibited the use of general funds. At that meeting, Commissioner Lindley offered to contact some of the Counseling Center’s legal sources to solicit general support donations so that the new office could be painted. As a result of Commissioner Lindley’s outreach efforts, and by using some Restricted Donation funds received by CFW over the years, a much-needed storage area was created and the new offices were given a very badly needed fresh coat of paint.

**B. Summer Computer Camp Program .....Rodgers**

Due to low enrollment, the Computer Programming for Middle School Girls camp scheduled to start July 19 at the Rockville Campus will be cancelled. Montgomery College is giving the registered girls an opportunity to attend a similar camp in August. Administrative Specialist Rodgers will be calling each girl to determine whether she is interested and available to attend the Computer Programming camp in August.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Former Commission President Liz Joyce wrote to MCCFW to request its support for the National Center for Victims of Crime’s INFOLINK program. Commissioner Morales moved that MCCFW send a letter to Senator Barbara Mikulski, Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, to urge continued funding for the highly regarded victim services program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mederos and unanimously passed.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Cryor Baldwin said that on July 12 at 4:00 p.m., the Montgomery County Planning Board will dedicate a park bench at Glen Hills Park in the memory of her mother. Jean Cryor who passed away in November 2009. She was a champion of women’s rights, a supporter of CFW’s legislative initiatives, a member of the Montgomery County Planning Board, and former three-term state legislator and a newspaper publisher. All commissioners were invited to attend.

## **VII. ELECTION OF CFW PRESENT**

President Lichter Vincent submitted her intent to run for CFW President for the 2010-2011 year. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Commissioner Levy moved that Ms. Lichter Vincent be reelected as CFW President for 2010-2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morales and unanimously passed.

## **VIII. FAREWELL TO COMMISSIONERS LEVY, OLDAK AND RAI**

Certificates of Appreciation from County Executive Leggett were read and presented to the following commissioners who completed their terms on the MCCFW:

### **Regina L. Oldak**

In Recognition and Appreciation of her dedicated service on the Commission for Women (July 2004 to June 2010), serving on the Policy and Legislation Committee (2004-2007 and Chair of the 2006 Women's Legislative Briefing Planning Committee); serving as CFW Second Vice President 2004-2005 and from 2006-2007; First Vice President 2005-2006 and President 2007-2009.

### **Resa Levy**

In Recognition and Appreciation of her dedicated service on the Commission for Women (July 2004 to June 2010), serving on the Immigrant Women in Montgomery County Committee (2004-2007); Chair of the 2007 Commission for Women's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Team; serving on the Mothers and Poverty Committee (2007-2009); serving as CFW Second Vice President 2007-2008, and on the NACW Conference Planning Committee (2009-2010).

### **Sanjay Rai**

In Recognition and Appreciation of his dedicated service on the Commission for Women (September 2008 to June 2010), serving on the NACW Conference Planning Committee, and contributing invaluable expertise to the Commission's legislative and advocacy work.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission for Women, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By  
Paula S. Rodgers  
Montgomery County Commission for Women**