

**WAYNE COUNTY
WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

May 12, 2022

B – Minutes from the April 14, 2022 meeting

Minutes

Wayne County Women's Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call – 12:02 p.m.

Carmen J. Carter (C)	– Present
Sarah Roberts (VC)	– Present
Yvonne Cash	– Absent
Soummer Crawford	– Excused
Melissa Daub	– Present
Cynthia Douglas	– Present
Rian English-Barnhill	– Absent
Cindy Garcia	– Absent
Latanya Gater	– Present
Eboney Hughes	– Present
Kathryn Joyner	– Excused
Chelsea Lantto	– Present (Left at 1:00 pm)
Maali Luqman	– Present
Regina Randall, Ph.D.	– Present
Lynda Scheel	– Present
Mary Starr, Ph.D.	– Present
Tina Talley	– Present
Carla Tinsley-Smith	– Absent
Angela Winton	– Present (Left at 12:30 pm)

B. Daub/Gater **Approved.** March 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chair Carter provided comments regarding Women's History Month, the Michigan Women's Commission event and the Wayne County Women's Commission Mental Health Summit.

D. Remarks from Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell

Wayne County Commission (WCC) Chair Alisha Bell provided comments regarding Women's History Month and the Mental Health Summit. Chair Bell highlighted that \$50 gift cards were gifted to the guest speakers of the Mental Health Summit.

There was a discussion among members with WCC Chair Alisha Bell and WCC Counsel, Felicia Johnson, regarding the upcoming Election of Officers in June 2022.

E. Unfinished Business

1. WCWC 2021 Annual Report

Chair Carter provided an overview of the WCWC 2021 Annual Report, highlighting the following: the April 2021 election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Women's Commission; the May 2021 establishment of COVID-19 as the first matter for the body to address; the adoption of four COVID-19 Recovery Committees in November 2021; and

There was a discussion among members regarding how the members of the Women's Commission should be recognized.

Douglas/Gater

Motion. To revise the WCWC 2021 Annual Report to refer to members of the Women's Commission as Commissioners. Motion passed.

There was a discussion among members with WCC Chair Alisha Bell regarding the review of the WCWC 2021 Annual Report by all members and a vote to pass it taking place at the May 12, 2022 WCWC meeting.

Douglas/Gater

Motion. To withdraw the motion to revise the WCWC 2021 Annual Report to refer to members of the Women's Commission as Commissioners. Motion passed.

F. New Business

1. Update from the Committee to Facilitate a Strategic Planning Process by Committee Chair Roberts and Vice-Chair Tinsley-Smith

Committee Chair Roberts provided an update on the status of the day-retreat to be held on either May 14, 2022 or May 21, 2022. She said that two facilitators were being considered to be a guest speaker.

There was a discussion among members with WCC Chair Alisha Bell regarding participation by WC members.

2. Updates from COVID-19 Recovery Response Committees:

a. Economic and Housing Committee – Committee Chair Hughes and

Vice-Chair Crawford

- b. Education and Childcare Committee – Committee Chair Randall and Vice-Chair Scheel
- c. Mental Health Committee – Committee Chair Gater and Vice-Chair Garcia
 - (1) 3/31/2022 Mental Health Committee Summit – Remarks and next steps
- d. Physical Health Committee – Committee Chair Joyner and Vice-Chair Tinsley-Smith

For the Economics and Housing Committee, Committee Chair Hughes provided comments about Committee Vice-Chair Crawford's recovery due to an injury sustained in an auto-accident. She said that an update regarding funds received from the federal government for housing will be forthcoming. She indicated that she spoke with a Michigan State Representative regarding equal pay for women and a bill that would prohibit employers from using an applicant's previous pay to determine subsequent pay. She indicated that the Committee is working on a resolution regarding the right to counsel for housing.

For the Education and Childcare Committee, Committee Chair Randall indicated that the Committee is set to adopt the National Education Foundation classes for grade six through twelve. Dr. Randall said that a partnership was formed with 313Reads to connect elementary school children. Dr. Randall highlighted the Committee's next step which is to develop a rubric for selecting school district to participate in the named programs.

For the Mental Health Committee, Committee Chair Gater thanked the Women's Commission for participating in the Women's Commission Mental Health Summit. She reported that the Committee is working on a resolution to address the initiatives to privatize Medicare as it relates to the impact on community mental health resource access.

For the Physical Health Committee, Committee Chair Joyner and Vice-Chair Tinsley-Smith were recognized as absent in the meeting. Committee member Cynthia Douglas provided comments regarding the development of a program to address the physical health of women who are residents of Wayne County.

There was a discussion among members regarding future collaboration between the Physical Health Committee and the Mental Health Committee.

G. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Commission

Member Gater provided remarks regarding the outcome of the Michigan Women's Commission event.

Member Hughes provided remarks regarding the Women's Economic Recovery Tour.

Member Gater indicated that the Mental Health Summit recording was forwarded to Michigan Women's Commission member Cheryl Bergman.

Vice-Chair Roberts suggested that the activities of the Women's Commission's be posted Facebook page.

Member Daub indicated that the Mental Health Summit was livestreamed on her Facebook page.

H. Public Comments

I. Adjournment

Daub/Gater

Adjournment at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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