



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2022, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

In Attendance: Jill Barkley Roy, Kate Elmes, Moriah Geer, Samantha Lott Hale, Fatuma Hussein, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Sue Mackey Andrews, Jill Randall, Jennifer Wilkey

Guests:

Dania Bowie, Development and Communications Coordinator, Maine Women's Lobby; Maine Inside Out Shaitia Spruell, Executive Dir., Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW)

Mary-dith Tuitt, Legislative & Public Policy Committee Chair, MCSW; President, National Association of Commissions for Women

Absent: Rebecca Austin, Meredith Strang Burgess, Darylen Cote, Maulian Dana, Anne Gass, Kim Moody, Bonnie Porta

Welcome and Introductions

Discussion with Shaitia Spruell

MACW structure, commissioner terms, average hours worked, current legislative priorities, advocacy plan, committees, programs, events, legislative/collaborator/community support

Discussion with Mary-dith Tuitt

Funding history and staff growth, fundraising and assistance, demonstrating need and strength, legislative advocacy. Invite to participate in Regional NACW meeting in MA. Mary-dith will invite other NACW members to meet with Maine's PCSW.

Review of take-aways from today's discussion - Jill Barkley Roy will obtain a list of coalitions.

Regular Business

- No quorum at meeting's end to approve June minutes
- Update on Funding strategy
- Commissioner Updates
 - Low-income seat – recommendations to Governor's office, Maine Equal Justice stipend
 - Seat 16- Bonnie resigning. Working with Speaker's office.

Next Meeting: October 20, 1:00-2:30

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Meeting Links 8/18/22:

Commonwealth Heroines: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/commonwealth-heroines>

MCSW Budget Presentation for 2022:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UC4QZ3gYaVAIk6_SLmIEaw5AkOES1CcZn-1DjG5s43g/edit?usp=sharing

MCSW Regional Commissions Handbook:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YqETM6l5gyObtqErAVP55-86WOIKSWtWb85_LFKncB8/edit?usp=sharing

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