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CITY OF WORCESTER
City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 5th, 2013, 5:30 PM
Worcester City Hall, Room 401, 4th Floor

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of October 1st, 2013 Minutes
3. Update on Community Forum
4. Annual Women of Consequence Award Planning
5. Proposal of Subcommittee for Newsletter for ACSW
6. Adjournment

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City of Worcester
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

Meeting Summary
Tuesday October 1st, 2013, 5:30pm
Worcester City Hall, Room 401, 4th Floor

Members Present: Sonya Atherley, Chantel Bethea, Robin Currie, Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, Kathleen Linton, Karen Pelletier, Jessica Donovan, and Elizabeth Tomaszewski

Staff: Catherine Nash, Human Rights Specialist, the Office of Human Rights and Disabilities.

1. Call to Order:

There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Approval of September 3rd, 2013 Minutes:

The Minutes were approved, and the Committee discussed having each member take notes per meeting. The motion was made and approved.

- 3. Speakers: Ms. Linda Cavioli, YWCA and Ms. Kimberly Dawkins, Pathways for Change,** addressed their agencies' needs regarding a forum around sexual education. Kimberly Dawkins stated the best way to get back to the community would be a community forum. She stated that the subject is a difficult one to discuss but the community in general is supportive of the continued progress. Suggestions made to engage the community were 1. Better policies in the workplace. 2. Education on preventing sexual violence and, 3. Education on sexism and oppression.

Linda Cavioli stated the best ways to get back to the community would be working on policy issues. Ms. Cavioli stated gaps were 1. Community mobilization toward intolerance. 2. Economic Barriers, and, 3. Housing/Safety Planning.

The YWCA invited members to the Advocacy Breakfast Oct. 28th 2013 which Daybreak is organizing.

4. Planning a Community forum

Members will research two key issues facing women in Worcester.

5. Annual Women of Consequence Award Planning

The award ceremony will be March 20th 2013 in City Hall's Levi Lincoln Roo at 5:30pm. Members of ACSW will reach out to at least two local organizations which they are familiar with within their district for those organizations to submit their nominees for the Women of Consequence Award.

6. Adjournment:

The Motion to adjourn at 6:45pm was made by Ms. Tomaszewski.

Women Serving Organizations in Central Mass

YWCA
1 Salem Sq
Worcester, MA 01608-2015
(508) 791-3181

National Council of Jewish Women
633 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609-1120
(508) 791-3438

Worcester Women's History Project
30 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609-2504
(508) 767-1852

YWCA/Daybreak Resources for Women and Children, Inc.
P.O. Box 3093
Worcester, MA 01610
Telephone: 508-755-5371
Hotline phone: 508-755-9030

Abby's House
52 High Street
Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 756-5486

The Center for Women and Enterprise
50 Elm Street
Worcester MA 01609
Phone: 508-363-2300
www.cweonline.org

New England Women's Ministry Association
www.newenglandwomenministers.org/

Henry Lee Willis Community Center, Institute of African American Culture
119 Forest St,
Worcester, MA 01609
508-799-0702

Women's and Gender Studies
Clark University
950 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610
1-508-793-7711

Women's Studies
College of the Holy Cross
1 College Street,
Worcester, MA 01610
508-793-2011

Women's Forum
College of the Holy Cross
1 College Street,
Worcester, MA 01610
508-793-2011

All Kinds Of Girls
Clark University
950 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610
1-508-793-7711

Rape Crisis Center
588 Main Street
Worcester
(508) 852-1271

Community Health Link
508-860-1260

Women's Health of Central Massachusetts
100 MLK Jr., Blvd.
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 755-4861

NOW: National Organization for Women
YWCA 1 Salem Square
Worcester, MA, 01608
(508) 755-3645

AIDS Project Worcester
85 Green Street
Worcester, MA
01604
508-755-3773

The Bridge of Central MA Inc.
4 Mann St.
Worcester, MA 01602
508-631-2699
(Provides support to GLBTQ youths)

Center for Living and Working
484 Main Street Suite 345
Worcester, M.A.
508-755-1359
(Peer support group for females 14-18)

Centro Las Americas
11 Sycamore Street
Worcester, MA 01608
508-798-1900 ext. 233
(Parenting Skill Building Group)

Children's Friend
20 Cedar St.
Worcester, MA 01609
508-753-5425
(Support group for Teens, School aged mothers, Grief support group)

Great Brook Valley Health center
19 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
508-852-1805
(Childbirth Classes including Postpartum classes)

Worcester Healthy Start Initiative
Great Brook Valley Health Center
19 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
508-854-2124
508-852-1805
(Parent Support Group, New Mom Support Group)

African Women Support Group
Great Brook Valley Health Center
19 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
508-852-2122

Bhutanese Women Support Group
Great Brook Valley Health Center
19 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
508-854-2122

Iraqi Women Support Group
Great Brook Valley Health Center
19 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
508-854-2122

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) Aging Project
Bob Winscott
617-522-6700

MSPCC
335 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
508-753-2967
(Adolescent Girls Support Group, Young Parents Group)

The Parent Professional Advocacy League
(HOPE-Helping Others Promote Equality)
51 Union Street Suite 308
Worcester, MA 01609
508-767-9725

Parents Helping Parents
(Parent Support Group)
1-800-882-1250

Pernet Family Health Service
237 Millbury Street
Worcester, MA 01610
508-755-1228

Central Mass Recovery Learning Community
91 Stafford Street
Worcester, MA 01603
508-751-9600
(Various peer support & learning groups)

Planned Parenthood Central Massachusetts Health Center
470 Pleasant Street
Worcester, MA 01609
(800) 258-4448

Marie Anne Center
236 Lincoln Street
Worcester, MA 01605
508-335-6775

Southeast Asian Center
120 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA
508-791-4373

MSPCC
286 Lincoln Street
335 Chandler Street
Worcester
(508) 753-2967

Worcester Community Connection Coalitions Coalition
484 Main St.
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 754-1176 x126

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
26 Queen Street
Ste 13, 26 Queen Street
16 Laurel Street
Worcester, MA
(508) 860-7744

Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC)
484 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 754-1176

Worcester Senior Center
128 Providence Street
Worcester, MA 01604
508-799-1232

Girls Inc.
125 Providence Street
Worcester
(508) 755-6455

YOU Inc.
81 Plantation Street
Worcester, MA 01604
508-849-5600

Elder Services
411 Chandler Street
Worcester
(508) 756-1545

EPOCA
5 Pleasant St., 3rd Floor
Worcester, MA 01609
508-410-7676

The Worcester Senior Center
128 Providence Street
Worcester
(508) 799-1232

Friendly House
36 Wall Street
Worcester
(508) 755-4362

Women's Studies
Assumption College
500 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA 01609
508-767-7000

Women at Work Museum
P.O. Box 355
35 County Street
Attleboro, MA 02703
508-222-4430

AAUW
Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy
Betty Orsi
eorsi@verizon.net



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Executive Office of the City Manager
OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISABILITIES

To: Community Leaders
From: Catherine Nash on behalf of Chantel Bethea, Chair, City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Date: September 9, 2013
RE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2014 Woman of Consequence Award

The City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (ACSW) established the Women of Consequence Award to recognize women who have shown exceptional leadership and have made tangible contributions to enhancing the lives of women in Worcester. The award is presented annually to a woman or women whose actions best demonstrate courage, integrity and a commitment to creating change in our community. We hope to recognize, reward and inspire women of all ages. The 19th Annual Woman of Consequence Award will be presented at our annual event held on March 20, 2014.

We encourage you to nominate an outstanding woman who shows a commitment to the improving the lives of women and girls in Worcester. Qualifications for the award are as follows.

The nominee must:

- (1) live, work or volunteer in the city of Worcester;
- (2) demonstrate exceptional leadership and commitment to advancing the status of women and/or girls in the community (professional and/or volunteer);
- (3) possess dedication and compassion resulting in positive change for women and/or girls in the community;
- (4) serve as a mentor and/or role model for other women and/or girls

NOTE: Due to the volume of applications we receive, it is imperative that your application be clear and concise, visibly stating the nominee's qualifications.

The City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women in conjunction with the Office of the City Manager will review nominations and select a recipient. Current members of the Advisory Committee are not eligible for nomination.

Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Please submit your nomination by mail or email to:

Advisory Committee on the Status of Women-Woman of Consequence Award
c/o Office of Human Rights & Disabilities
Worcester City Hall, 455 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610
nashc@worcesterma.gov

For further information please call or email Catherine Nash, Staff Liaison.



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Request for Nominations

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL WOMAN OF CONSEQUENCE

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Nominees must show leadership and tangible results as an agent of change in Worcester and meet the following criteria:

- exceptional leadership;
- demonstrated dedication and compassion resulting in positive change;
- outstanding role models of community engagement;
- live, work or volunteer in Worcester.

Applications may be submitted electronically or via mail. An electronic version of the application is available: <http://www.worcesterma.gov/e-services/document-center/boards-commissions/women-of-consequence.pdf>

Please return all nominations by 5:00 PM, January 15, 2014 to:

Catherine Nash
Staff Liaison, Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
City of Worcester
Room 303, 455 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Or NashC@worcesterma.gov

If you have questions, please contact Catherine at 508/799.8486.

Save the Date:

The Award ceremony is scheduled MARCH 20, 2014 5:30 – 7:30 PM

WORCESTER CITY HALL

How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-ros!

-Maya Angelou

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____ Professional Title: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Please complete the above portion as well as your information below for the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women should they wish to contact you for further information.

Nominator: _____ Professional Title _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit this application form along with:

A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ADDRESSING THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

1. How has your nominee demonstrated exceptional leadership (either professionally or as a volunteer, or both)? Please describe specific examples.
2. How has your nominee demonstrated dedication and compassion resulting in positive change?
3. How has your nominee exhibited community engagement?

- Candidates will not be considered without this information.
- You may attach additional relevant documentation (full CV or resume is not required).
- Nominees are not notified unless they are selected to receive the award.

Prior Recipients of the City of Worcester's
Women of Consequence Award

1996

Annette Rafferty
Lisa Connelly Cook
Sandi Carlson

1997

Susan Seibel
Barbara Ward
Marie McCarthy-Kaye

1998

Jane Dutton
Mary Melville
Harriette L. Chandler

1999

Linda Weinreb, M.D
Deborah D. Carey

2000

Zoila Torres-Feldman

2001

Linda Cavaioli

2002

Lois B. Green

2003

Ginger Navickas
Judy Brown-Cahill

2004

Sandra McIntyre

2005

Stephanie L. Blaisdell, Ph.D.
Denise Nicoletti, Ph.D.(posthumously)

2006

Lynda M. Young, M.D.Ph.D.

2007

Veronica Griffin

2008

Helen Guillette Vasallo, Ph.D.

2009

Hazel Berry

2010

Thuba Lee
Lynne Tolman

2012

Audrey Kurlan-Marcy