

N.C Council for Women Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021, 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

This Meeting was Conducted Remotely by Microsoft Teams

Ethics Statement: The State Government Ethics Act mandates that, at the beginning of any meeting, the Chair remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Council.

Members Present: Annette Taylor, Chair, Del Mattioli, Mindy Oakley, Dana O'Donovan, Dr. Patricia Parker, Dr. Joyce Payne, Dr. Tracey Ray, Judge Robin Robinson, Adrienne Spinner, Carrie Stewart, Lyric Thompson, and Karen Wallace Meigs, and newly appointed members Liz Doherty, Alison Kiser, and Elizabeth Outten.

Members Absent: Candance Gingles, Elsa Jimenez-Salgado, Del Mattioli, Kate Woodbury, and newly appointed members Beth Posner and Judge Mary Ann Tally.

NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement Staff Present: Danielle Carman, Charnessa Ridley, Deborah Torres, Alisa Milliken, Alana Denton, Toshia Dunlap, Sebrina Phillips, Angela Winston-Hill, Anaja McClinton, Lori Gerber, Lori Hines-Jones, Philisa Fowler, Candace Dudley, Molly Overholt, Gabrielle Smith, Deatrice Williams, Harriett Southerland, Camille Hesterberg, Kendra Underwood, Debra Underwood, Diane Blumel.

Guests Present: Pam Cashwell, DOA Secretary, David Elliott, DOA Deputy Secretary, Evin Grant, DOA Policy Director, Katie Hall, DOA Legislative Liaison, and Lindsay Broyhill, Winer Family Foundation

Meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome/Member Roll Call: Chair Taylor welcomed everyone who was present and read the Ethics Statement. No conflicts of interest were noted. Carman conducted the roll call and members stated present as their names were called.

Approval of Minutes: Payne moved to approve the September 23, 2021; minutes as written. Oakley seconded. All members who were present unanimously approved the minutes, with new members Doherty, Kiser, and Outten abstaining.

Oaths of Office: Judge Robinson administered oaths of office for reappointed Council members Taylor (newly appointed as Chair by Governor Cooper), O'Donovan, Parker (reappointed in 2020), Stewart, and Thompson, and for newly appointed members Doherty, Kiser, and Outten. Oaths of office for reappointed members Mattioli and Woodbury, and new members Posner and Tally, will be administered at the next quarterly meeting:

The consensus of the Council was to switch from Teams to Zoom for Government for future virtual Council meetings.



Executive Director's Report – Danielle Carman

CFWYI Update:

Carman updated the Council members on CFWYI's domestic violence and sexual assault state grant awards for FY21-22, including that all contracts had been executed and that first and second quarter payments had been made. CFWYI has also distributed first quarter collections of marriage license filing fees and divorce filing fees from the court system. Carman added that CFWYI has executed all core Family Violence and Prevention Services (FVPSA) grants for FY21-23, to both domestic violence and prevention services providers.

Hall gave a summary of the FY21-23 state budget that had just been passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. The Legislature appropriated the following to CFWYI:

- \$500,000 recurring increase for both the Domestic Violence Center Fund and the Sexual Assault Center Fund.
- Three non-recurring pass-through grants to CrossRoads Sexual Assault Response and Resource Center, Cry Freedom Missions Fund (Wayne Pregnancy Care Center), and Rachel's Refuge (Changing Destinies Ministry).

Hall also summarized a few American Rescue Act (ARPA) grant funding streams that were allocated to the NC Human Trafficking Commission.

Carman explained two others supplemental FVPSA ARPA funding opportunities for which CFWI could apply, including \$4.6 million through FY24-25 to support sexual assault survivors, and \$10.08 million through FY24-25 for increased COVID-19 support to domestic and family violence survivors.

Carman said the Youth Involvement Team opened applications for the 2022 Internship Program on November 1, 2021, and they will close on January 3, 2022. Youth Involvement Team Director Candace Dudley will send the Council members a program flyer.

Women's History Month 2022:

Carman directed the Council members to a draft proclamation for Women's History Month 2022. The national theme is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," honoring the work of caregivers and frontline workers during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and recognizing the ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history. Carman said she tried to incorporate findings from the Council's "Exploiting Inequity" report about the gendered and racial impact of COVID-19. Thompson suggested asking the Governor's staff whether the proclamation could be a vehicle to prompt greater movement with some of their recent report recommendations, such as paid parental leave, by encouraging other state agencies and non-government entities to meet or exceed the protections of Executive Order 95.

Poverty & Opportunity Report:

Carman directed the Council members to a memo summarizing the staff's recommendations with respect to the final Status of Women in NC report on Poverty & Opportunity. She said the staff is largely recommending electronic distribution and digital launch strategies. If the Council wants to have some printed copies, she recommended limiting that to no more than 100 copies, which will cost approximately \$16.50 per report based on a prior quote from Correction Enterprises. Carman said the report will likely not be ready for publication until January 2022. Robinson suggested having some printed copies or a QR code on hand for any in-person events

that might be held. Payne suggested writing an op-ed for local papers in addition to sending the report to foundations that address women's issues.

Council for Women Committees:

Carman directed the Council members to a draft write-up of the purpose of the three Committees, including Outreach/Speaker's Bureau, Partnerships, and Legislative. Taylor and Carman said some questions have arisen about whether the Partnerships Committee should engage in fundraising for publications and special events, and Carman and Deputy Secretary Elliott suggest that we revisit that topic with the Council if a compelling need arises. Robinson said past fundraising efforts have been tied to report launches and sponsorships. Carman suggested that the agenda for the next Council meeting include a discussion of next steps with the Status of Women reports and what partnerships might be needed. Taylor asked that the Committees resume regular meetings in early 2022.

Presentation about Winer Family Foundation – Lindsay Broyhill

Broyhill gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Foundation's areas of emphasis and projects. The Council members expressed interest in remaining in touch and exploring areas where we might be able to work together to support shared goals.

Chair's Report – Annette Taylor

Taylor thanked former Chair Jenny Black for her service and leadership. She also thanked Secretary Cashwell, noting that it is Native American Heritage Month, and that Secretary Cashwell is the first Native American woman to lead a cabinet agency in NC. Secretary Cashwell welcomed all Council members and thanked them for their service. Taylor thanked all the reappointed and newly appointed Council members, as well as the Council members who were no longer serving. She announced that Thompson had agreed to serve as Vice-Chair of the Council.

Legislative Committee Report:

Taylor read a written report submitted by Committee Chair Woodbury:

- Governor Cooper signed into law House Bill 608, which prohibits correctional officers from shackling people who are in labor, among other provisions aimed at improving conditions for those who are incarcerated and pregnant.
- Governor Cooper has pushed for Medicaid expansion in NC, but the idea has so far failed to gain support. A section of the federal Build Back Better legislation would temporarily close that gap, but the bill is stalled in Congress.
- Woodbury has reached out to the NC Child Fatality Task Force to obtain some information about their "Action Agenda" and current recommendations. She suggested that we invite a speaker from the Task Force to a future Council meeting.

CFW Designee for Domestic Violence Commission:

Taylor stated that Wallace-Meigs had volunteered to serve as the Council's designee on the Domestic Violence Commission. Wallace-Meigs summarized the work of the Commission, with a particular focus on the Victim Services Committee to which she is assigned. She indicated that best practices for language access continue to be a priority and that the Committee is now focused on the marginalized population of Deaf, Deaf Blind, and Hard of Hearing, including the legal obligations of state government to provide services to both victims and people who do harm who are part of that population.

Other:

Taylor asked that the Committees resume regular meetings in early 2022 and spend some time teasing out the draft purpose/role statements for each Committee. She said she would work with Carman on updating Committee assignments and she encouraged everyone to let her know if they have a preference. She asked whether there would be an opportunity for someone from the Speaker's Bureau to present to the New Hanover County YWCA and Commission on Women about the Poverty & Opportunity report, and Robinson shared that Carman has=d agreed to present to that Commission on February 23, 2022.

2022 Council Meeting Dates

Carman said the 2022 quarterly Council for Women meetings would be held on February 3, May 5, August 4, and November 10, 2022, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. They will remain virtual for the time being.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Torres