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**Commission for Women
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 27, 2020, 6:45 p.m.

Via WebEx: Meeting number (access code): 473 533 194 Meeting password: P7EjUbZvP77

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ATTENDANCE

Attending:

Mary Hastler, Chair

Jill Hamilton, Vice Chair

Roslyn Hannibal-Booker

Alison Imhoff

Helen Mearns

Bonnie Jean Miranda

Catherine Ohler

Robin Tomechko

Absent:

Nafisabanu Multani

Robin Walker

Mary Teddy Wray

DCS Staff:

Sylvia Bryant

Guests:

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mary Hastler, Chair, at 6:45 p.m.

2. Introductions:

She welcomed everyone and invited them to introduce themselves. Mary H. welcomed the recently appointed and confirmed commissioners and thanked them for their patience and commitment to the Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes from January 27, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote upon the motion of Jill Hamilton, second, Cathy Ohler. Notes from the March 2 gathering (no

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quorum) were reviewed. Absent a quorum, commissioners present volunteered to take on tasks related to the Women of Tomorrow Awards planned for March 19, 2020.

4. Chairwoman's Report: Chair, Mary Hastler

None

5. Coordinator's Report: Coordinator, Sylvia Bryant

None

6. Committee Updates:

A. Governance Committee, Chair, Cathy Ohler

No new information to share.

B. Membership Development Committee, Chair, TBD

No new information to share.

C. Women of Tomorrow, Chair, Mary Teddy Wray

The Women of Tomorrow event was postponed with the hope of rescheduling but with COVID-19, this is impossible. Contact was made with the Richlin (who had been paid for their services) about a new date (probably March 2021) for the event. The Richlin Ballroom will hold the deposit and credit it towards the 2021 event. Sylvia is following-up with sponsors to see if the funds can be carried to the 2021 event as well. The 2020 booklets will be made available to all honorees and the committee.

D. Community Conversations, Chair, Roslyn Hannibal-Booker:

a. Voting – The Commission previously decided to do a conversation around voting in light of the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Roslyn suggested that they consider doing a webinar focused on how voting will occur in the upcoming primary. In response to COVID-19, the Primary was moved to June 2 and a mail-in format with limited in person voting options. The Commission discussed voting rights and what the local community would need to know for the June election. Roslyn is working to get a WebEx or other meeting in early May to educate the community about this “new” voting process.

b. Health Disparity – Bonnie mentioned the disparity in healthcare for African American women; they are dying from Coronavirus at a faster rate. She suggested inviting an expert on this topic to speak to the Commission. Roslyn will follow-up to find someone who can address this topic. In light of the new normal, this would likely be a WebEx event open to the community.

Healthcare for women was a concern brought up at the Listening Tours sponsored by the Maryland Commission for Women. Commissioners requested copies of these notes; Sylvia will research and forward.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Web Announcements: *All events are posted to the County's website: www.harfordcountymd.gov and click on the Living Here tab, then Community Involvement and then Community Events for a more detailed listing of events community and public meetings and more.*

10. Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2020, 6:45 p.m.
Web Ex information to follow.

11. Adjourn:
Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon motion of Cathy Ohler, second, Bonnie Jean Miranda at 7:30 p.m.