**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 26, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Vivian Slade, Milicia Tedder, Kirstyn Allen, Sara Bausch, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Aquaris Anderson, Jenny Gomez, Brianna Van Stekelenburg, Joy Spencer, Tamika McRae, Patrice High, Lucia Ferejohn, Courtney Kelly, Tiffani Reeves

Commissioners Excused: Cheryl Ann Welsh

Commissioners Absent: K.D. Ann Welsh

**Welcome- Vivian Slade, Chair**

Vivian called the meeting to order with a welcomed our two new members, Courtney and Tiffani. Courtney works for Durham Partnership for Children, is currently working towards her MPA at NC Central, and is a Durham native. Originally from Detroit, Tiffani has been in Durham for 8 years, is a clinical research coordinator at Duke, and joined the commission to find the opportunity to be an agent of change. Both will join the steering committee. Welcome!!!

**Chair Report- Vivian Slade**

Vivian attached the DCWC By-Laws to the meeting reminder. Also included is the code of ethics from Tania with the County Commissioners office. Typically, an ethics class and the ethics code is offered when new members take the oath. Oaths have been virtual since COVID but are now available via appointment for in-person with virtual still an option.

DCWC logo has been approved. Purple and green color combo won the member vote. Ruebe has updated all our social media outlets with the new logo. Vivian will send the logo. Durham County has strict rules about using our graphics and logo, please do not add to a publication without approval. Ruebe also has the logo files if needed.

Members are needed for the nominating committee. Please email Vivian if you are interested in getting involved.

**Vice Chair Report- Jenny**

SUSO (Stand Up Speak Out) is hoping to hold an event in the fall of 2021. Jenny wrote an article for our newsletter about Google campus coming to RTP (also today Apple announced a new location in the Triangle). Jenny has been in touch with Ray Trapp, VP of Strategic Engagement at RTP Foundation, and he will join us at the May DCWC meeting.

No update on the website. Vivian has touched base with Shawna about when the site may be ready, and Vivian shared some historical photos and background to be on the site. Shawna has purchased a camera for DCWC and spent funds for Black Maternal Health panelists.

**Treasurer’s Report- Vivian**

DCWC still has $500 funds from County. We need to spend soon, must be depleted by end of fiscal year (June 30). T-shirts, with our new logo are a top thought!

**Committee Updates**

* Black Maternal Health (Joy, Tamika, Lucia) update: Joy is stepping down from DCWC. She is beginning graduate school very soon and will always be around to serve as a partner for DCWC. Joy presented the BMH Resolution to the County Commissioners. The BMH Forum was Saturday, April 10. Tamika sharing the recording of the forum would be a great idea.
* Social Justice Committee (Aquaris and Cynthia) update: Aquaris is working with HR on P-Tech interns and a commitment to add 1,000 intership opportunities for Black and Brown individuals from the high school or community college level. Aquaris will also connect with Jenny about Apple.
* Steering Committee (Cheryl Ann, Patrice, Laura, Kirstyn, Lucia, Courtney, & Tiffani): Laura shared some hightlights from the April 14 County Commissioners meeting; a new Food Security Coordinator position was created and filled. Durham was declared a “Breastfeeding Friendly Community” in April.
* Communications Committee (Ruebe and Milicia) update: The first volume of the DCWC newsletter has been drafted and Ruebe shared. It includes our new logo and colors, articles from members. Please send any pieces you would like to share to Ruebe, or send through the Instagram page (@dcwc2020). The newsletter will be published quarterly, and shared as a PDF link through our listserv, on our website, and on social accounts. Members may/are encouraged to share to personal contacts as well.

**Approve March meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes approved by Jenny; second by Cynthia.

**New Business: Treasurer Nominations**

Vivian made an all call for positions. The nominations committee (Cynthia and Milicia) present recommendations: Brianna is an applicant, and recommendation to nominate Brianna is read by Cynthia. Vivian asks for any other nominations, thrice. No other nominations are read and nominating is closed. Motion to approve made by Laura; second by Ruebe. None opposed. Brianna will serve as DCWC Treasurer until June of this year.

**Announcements:**

No announcements.

Vivian closed the meeting.