**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 27, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Vivian Slade, Kirstyn Allen, Ruebe Holmes, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Tamika McRae, Patrice High, Courtney Kelly, Tiffani Reeves, Aquaris Anderson, Lucia Ferejohn, Jenny Gomez, Cheryl Ann Welsh

Commissioners Excused: Brianna Van Stekelenburg

Commissioners Absent: Cheryle Johnson, Shirrell Thomas

Guest: Mary Oxendine, Durham County Food Security Coordinator

**Welcome- Vivian Slade, Chair**

Vivian called the meeting to order and announced she and Lucia have yielded their time for committee reports and to allow full time to our guest speaker.

**Chair Report- Vivian Slade**

No update.

**Vice Chair Report- Lucia arrived late**

No update.

**Treasurer’s Report- Brianna**

No update.

**Committee Updates**

* Financial Health and Wealth (formerly Social Justice Committee); update: Lucia presented the initial conversations about potential job fair; for both job seekers and employer. Most likely the fair would be virtual. Planning the next steps: find partners, companies, and create marketing outlines. Ideal target month for the fair is January 2022. Cheryl Ann asked that marketing materials for potential partner outreach be sent to all DCWC members.
* Post-Pandemic Committee update: Kirstyn shared that the committee held their first meeting and planned an initial community survey to see what needs are; ideas include childcare needs, employment and education support. The survey will be sent through community organizations by October 1. Laura will send survey monkey log in info to Kirstyn. Aquaris reminded the group DCWC are serving as connectors who share partner resources- not solving issues. Jenny suggested the survey results be shared on our website when available and sent to County Commissioners; maybe influencing legislation through our efforts. Cheryl Ann adds sending to public officers would also be a good idea.
* DV & SA Committee update: Laura shared that a survey had been drafted, revised, and created alongside the Durham Crisis Response Center. After nearing completion, the survey was handed over to DCRC staff for distribution. This was not the initial plan for the survey, more work and partnership with DCRC in our future.
* Communications Committee update: Patrice is serving as the sub-committee secretary and reports that the committee has outlined social media account access for members and will look into getting a Canva account for more creation of posts. Communications may possibly bring on an intern. Tamkia reminded all DCWC members that anyone can send ideas and suggest possible posts.
* Vivian added that the Executive Committee is meeting with Shauna Cooper for a partner update. She also thanked all members for the hard work over the last month in all new or refreshed committees!

**Approve August meeting minutes**

One edit needed- Cheryl Ann was in attendance in August. Upon revision, Vivian called for objections; no objections raised; minutes approved.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Guest Presentation**

Mary Oxendine, Durham County Food Security Coordinator presented a slide show and details about hunger in Durham County. Mary may be reached directly at moxendine@dconc.gov

Vivian closed the meeting.