



Mayor's Council for Women Minutes

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 @ 6:00PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call- Amie Koch, Nana Asante-Smith, Rebekah Miel, Cassandra Stokes, Gloria De Los Santos, Shea Ramirez, Brenna Casey, Jillian Johnson, Guests- Joy Spencer and Lucia Farejohn
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda- None
- IV. Ceremonial Items- None
- V. Announcements- None
- VI. Public Comments- None
- VII. Approval of Minutes- Rebekah Miel motions to approve, Gloria De Los Santos seconds. All approve, no nays
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Presentation by Joy Spencer (along with Lucia Ferejohn)– Equity Before Birth and Women's Commission presentation
 - i. Durham Black mothers are impacted at a higher rate
 - ii. Covid has impact (reduction in support during labor/ separation b/t mother and child d/t covid/transmission) harder to find providers postpartum, high rates of PP depression, telehealth for first trimester visits, women heavily impacted.

- iii. Helpful to continue work towards elimination disparities: biggest are- Funding, policy change, partnership opportunities, black birth workers
 - iv. ASK- funding & policy change- collaboration and partnership is highly desired
 - v. Sat 4/10 Spring forum panel with keynote
 - vi. Joy taking resolution to commissioners (hopefully in next mtg)
- b. Black Women's Maternal Health Care Resolution- asking city to do research, acknowledging April 11-17 as Black Maternal Health Week, acknowledge the HB being filed (also focusing on rural communities)
 - i. Asking DMC4W to be forefront to push for this action- be on board with the Black Maternal Resolution support campaign.- Gloria sent it out in email today, requesting that we present it to the city- if approved- we can introduce it in the next city council meeting, Jillian can ask for it to go on the next work session (next Thursday 3/18) agenda for 4/8 and then it could pass at the council meeting 4/19

IX. Old Business

- a. NCCADV update – no updates
- b. Black Maternal Health Forum – Cassandra leading forum on zoom 4/10 at 1pm- promote; Charles Johnson- wants him as a keynote speaker, we could not afford his initial offer. ?Alma Adams, ?rep warren underwood – Cassandra has emailed

individuals (center the lived experiences of the women, and the women who do the work)

- c. Social media update- launched 3/1- Brenna – live in 2 languages, insta, FB, twitter – Brenna will send out the links and we can follow/ send her our handles
 - i. Looking for women in business to be a feature
 - 1. Criteria to feature a business (women in Durham, hopefully a diversity of businesses, esp ones that do not get featured a lot- send to Brenna)
 - ii. Send news related to the council- currently 1-2 SM posts a week
- d. Issues within the Latinx community and DPS (Amie & Gloria)- what will happen after some kids go back to school? How can we best support parents who do not read or speak English? (DPS has phone contact, their main drive is getting kids back into the building)

X. Adjournment

2021 meeting dates: 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14