



## **Mayor's Council for Women**

**Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 @ 6PM**

### **Virtual meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Gloria De Los San, Rebekah Miel, Jillian Johnson, Cassandra Stokes, Nana Asante-Smith

Hannah Miao (Duke senior, journalist student)

- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
- IV. Ceremonial Items- None
- V. Announcements-
  - a. Saturday (Action NC) Black Momma car parade 11-1pm march with horses & motorcycles, free covid testing
  - b. If we have thoughts on who should apply we can have them apply. The vacancies are publicized by the city, it is on the city social media, word of mouth. There is a deadline (9/28) for voting on them, but vacancies are open until filled.
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Approval of Minutes- Amie moves to approve, Nana seconds them
- VIII. Sub-Committee Reports- None
- IX. Old Business

- a. Discuss and cast Vote on the nomination to make Nana Asante-Smith to be Chairwomen. (Gloria nominates, Amie seconds, Rebekah and Cassandra vote yes).
  
- b. Discuss the three vacant seats- we will reach out to two people that would be a good asset for the council
  - i.
  - ii. District Ward 3 (June 22)
  - iii. District Civil Rights Justice (term until June 21)
  - iv.
  
- c. Discuss DCRC updates
  - i. Nana spoke with 4 former employees, began apparent that what is going on is not within our purview (personale matters). There seems to be a pattern of concerning and troubling treatment and an environment within DCRC.
  - ii. Rebekah talked with Kent about DCRC, there is a concerning pattern happening. Walls up. Not a lot of change. They are now leasing old visitor place as the family justice center. There is a group of women (? Korinia and Tina) doing advocacy in the center “voices”. In the family justice center there will probably be police and sheriff folks. There has been a lot of turnover, many unmet needs. They have not figured out virtual support or virtual training. Issue in shelter. More calls on the help line. They are doing work in October for DV month.

Rebekah's suggestions- create a survey to see if needs for survivors are being met in Durham and our concern for the larger community, where are gaps and how can we work to meet those gaps.

What are the measurable outcomes if we do a survey?

How can we be accountable/what does the accountability look like?

Do we have direct and immediate knowledge as to how DCRC is not meeting, or falling short, on supporting survivors? –not enough placements, -staff turnover, - LGBTQ staff, -Bilingual staff

**What is our concrete evidence that the DCRC does not have the current capability to manage all the needs of DV survivors in Durham? (need money?)**

Is there a way for us to secure the statistics that DCRC needs to keep for grant purposes- assess the service to see if the needs are being met (is there a reduction in court advocacy clients compared to January), change in DVPOs that DCRC assists.

What are the numbers about the race/ethnicity/ sexual orientation that DCRC assists? (are they helping as many that they did in the spring- esp since they are losing the staff that had a connection in the community.)

(Gloria)- can we do a forum in October- yes.

Family Justice center project the county is working on (old visitors building)

Where does DCRC get most the funds?

What do we want this INFORMATION for and what

CAN we do with this information?- what is our priority.

What about police training for DV? Has it changed?

Who is working on it changing now that it is the time of covid?

→ Moving forward- Nana to Rebekah

Did Kent specify what the DMC4W do for support.

He said we can fundraise to fix the shelter, and we can work with the advocacy group called “voices”.

Ask for the numbers of what the trends have looked like for the past few months. Who is being serviced? (The board chair Ashley Taylor Jacobs and Kent will have this) to identify DCRC.

-This all ties into our DMC4W objectives

- Are we going to do anything for DV Month

Cassandra- talk with legal aid to see if we have number of DV calls (stats)

-Compare what DCRC is saying vs. Durham Legal Aid (This can also help support the push for police training)

d. Op-Ed next steps- Cassandra stats- about DV and then link to evictions- send to Amie (we will all draft and have for approval at the next meeting)

i. We want the draft approved in the next meeting (10/13)

- X. New Business- Our continued business: DCRC & IPV Police training (for 2020-2021)
  - a. What cities are doing well for DV calls (what is their police training- having outside trainer come in or better PPT slides that are inclusive) Trauma Informed Care approach. (Ashley witnessed 3 male cops trying to handle a DV and she wanted a woman.
  - b. We do not have the right folks in our community to collaborate with, the needs are not being met in the community.
  - c. Virtual meet up with County Women council
  - d. Cassandra- interest in evictions (DV impact)

XI. Adjournment

XII. Next meeting Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
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