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MONROE COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION MEETING

Nat U Hill Meeting Room

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Monroe County Women's Commission

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TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Strategic Highlights

The Monroe County Women's Commission (MCWC) regards 2019 as a year of exponential growth. Under new leadership, the Commission appointed new Commissioners, developed a new governing vision, and focused on the opportunities to build strong campus and community relationships.

Financial Highlights

The Commission hosted the second annual Girls Coding Week and ended the year with a \$655.74 surplus.

Operating Highlights

Several appointments were vacant at the start of 2019; however, at the time of this report all eleven commissioner seats are filled. Eight of the eleven appointees are new Commissioners. Additionally, the MCWC meetings are now being streamed via Community Access Television Services

MCWC core values: trust, honor, justice, kindness, accountability, and transparency

Looking Ahead

In 2020, MCWC will focus on the following efforts:

- ✚ Recognizing the 100 year anniversary of the women's suffrage movement
- ✚ Strategically approaching voter registration and education efforts for Presidential election
- ✚ Recruiting and retaining ethnic diversity on MCWC
- ✚ Executing third annual Girls Coding Week
- ✚ Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit (MC3)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Monroe County Women's Commission (MCWC) does not have money in the county fiscal structure; therefore, all projects were funded via community sponsorships and grants.

- Girls Coding Week 2019: \$13,690.
- Community Health Education Initiative: \$3,500.

To execute Girls Coding Week, the Commission partnered with Indiana University Office of Admissions, Ivy Tech Center for Lifelong Learning, Girls Inc., Girl Scouts of Southern Indiana, Center of Excellence for Women & Technology, and Duke Energy. Girls Coding Week is a 1-week day camp that was offered twice in the summer.

To execute the Community Health Education Initiative, the Commission applied for the Indiana Healthy Workplace Grant through the Indiana State Department of Health.



Nichelle Whitney, chair
Monroe County Women's Commission
December 2019

PROGRAMMING SUMMARY

For the Youth

- Girls Coding Week
 - One-week, free coding camp for girls in Monroe County age 11-14
 - Camp includes: one-on-one mentorship, coding training, free lunch, free transportation, complimentary Girls Inc. membership, and take-home coding tools
- Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit (MC3)
 - Commissioners facilitated a workshop: The Confidence Code for Girls and facilitated the Summit's Equity Hour
- Young Women's Leadership Empowerment Summit
 - Presented a workshop on combating imposter syndrome to over 100 young girls from MCCSC

For the Community

- Met with Senator Stoops to advocate for inclusive language in the hate-crime bill SB12
 - Traveled to the Indiana Statehouse for a meeting with Senator Stoops
- Hosted collaborative retreat with the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women
 - Day long retreat tailored towards exploring partnerships to address gaps identified in Monroe County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction report.
- Actively exploring hosting a Commissioners meeting for County and city Commissions
 - In partnership with the Dimension Mill
- Community Health Education Initiative
 - In partnership with IU School of Nursing
 - Workshops will train employees on issues related to healthy eating, breastfeeding support, and physical activity in the workplace.

For the Commission

- Actively exploring the development of an intern model for MCWC
- Creation of core values and MCWC vision

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Commissioners

Commissioner	Appointing Body
Nichelle Whitney (Chair)	Monroe County Council
Laura Dahncke	Monroe County Council
Diana Nixon	Monroe County Council
Jill Ferguson	Monroe County Council
Trent Deckard (ex-oficio)	Monroe County Council
Liz Feitl (Vice Chair)	Monroe County Board of Commissioners
Michelle Bartley-Taylor	Monroe County Board of Commissioners
Dajanae Palmer	Monroe County Board of Commissioners
Jessica McClellan (ex-oficio)	Monroe County Board of Commissioners
Amy Stark	Monroe County Board of Commissioners
Jenn Simms	City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting

In 2019, MCWC met for 12 months. Meetings were held in the Judge Nat U Hill room in the Monroe County Courthouse. Meetings were held for 90 minutes beginning at noon. Beginning September 2019, MCWC meetings began recording via the Community Access Television Service (CATS). Commissioners have identified that time and meeting location has created barriers to community access. MCWC is actively exploring amendments to the meeting schedule for 2020.