

MONROE COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

March 2, 2023

Commissioner	Attendance	Appointed by	Term date
Susan Hingle, Chair	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/24
Maria Douglas, Vice-President	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/25
Nicki Williamson, Secretary	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/24
Molly Otto	Present	MoCo Comm	1/1/24
Tiana Iruoje	Present	MoCo Council	1/1/24
Juliet Hardesty	Present	MoCo Council	1/1/24
Geoff McKim	Absent	MoCo Council (ex-officio)	
Julie Thomas	Present (Zoom)	MoCo Council (ex-officio)	
Vacancy			

Voting Members: 7

Quorum Numbers: 4

Meeting Minutes completed by: MCWC Secretary

Location: Nat U Hill Room, Monroe County Courthouse

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm by Commissioner Hingle
This Commission shall serve in an advisory role to assist residents, businesses, and the government of Monroe County in addressing issues of gender equity in all aspects of society.

The mission is to advance the status of women in all areas of county life and to champion women's contributions to local culture and society.

- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Agenda approval (all voting members approved)**
- IV. **Minutes approval (all voting members approved)**
- V. **Continuing Business**

- A. **Commissioner Updates**

1. **Commissioner Hingle**

- Indiana Commission for Women
-International Women's Day March 8th 10am
- Greg Cohn said we can set up social media accounts and website for MCWC
- MOU for Girls Coding Camp
- ACLU meeting is being rescheduled
- Monroe County NOW chapter had students in to talk about Anti-Racism Policy recently approved by MCCSC School Board

2. **Commissioner Douglas**

- National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
- Stand with Asian American Hoosiers petition
Action Item: Vote for MCWC to sign petition (All approved)
- Report out from County Commissioners Meeting
-Approved Sheriff's Salary which is the same as Prosecutor

-Approved software to keep websites ADA compliant

-Vendor approved to update jail showers

3. Commissioner Otto

- International Women's Elevate event was success
- positive experience meeting Indiana Commission for Women leader, Jordan

4. Commissioner Hardesty

- CJRC meeting attendance (meets every other Monday at 4:30pm)

5. Commissioner Williamson

- Guest speaker today
- **Action Item:** Send out Sign Up Genius for Monroe County Council meetings

6. Commissioner Iruoje

- **Action Item:** Will have nametags for commissioners made

B. Girls' Coding Camp

1. Project needs to be approved by Board of Commissioners and funding approved
2. **Action Item:** Meeting set up with Girls Coding Camp Subcommittee and Molly Turner King and Angie Purdie
3. **Action Item:** Then committee will present to BOC meeting

VI. New Business

A. Vice-President Election

1. Commissioner Douglas elected as Vice-President (approved by all)

B. Meeting day change

1. 3rd Thursday 5:30pm Nat U Hill Room (approved by all)

C. Speaker Sign Up

1. **Action Item:** Commissioner Williamson to send Sign Up Genius
2. **Action Item:** Add speakers to monthly agenda

D. Subcommittees

1. Gender Equity and Justice Response
 - Commissioners Hardesty, Douglas, Hingle
2. Girls Coding Camp:
 - Commissioners Douglas, Iruoje, Hardesty

E. Guest Speaker: Annie Eakin, Community Wellness Coordinator, Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program

1. Community Health Improvement Plan (IU Health, Monroe Co. Health Department, Bloomington Parks and Rec)
 - a. Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 - b. Inequity, Discrimination and Bias
 - c. Poverty and Social Services
 1. Transportation for medical appointments outside of Monroe County
 2. Adding Navigators in the community to help them get to needed health services
2. Monroe County Health Equity Council/Community Voices for Health

- a. Julie Thomas, Kate Wiltz, Susan Sgambelluri, Annie Eakin
 - b. Collect voices that are typically unheard and underserved in Monroe Co.
 - c. Inform policy by sharing information with policy makers to affect change
 - d. Next meeting is March 20th at 6pm, open to attendance
3. How can we help?
- a. Continue listening to the voices of those who are underrepresented
 - b. Send people to the Monroe Co. Health Equity Council for info
 - c. CJAM website for information of data already collected
(<http://cjamcenter.org/community-voices/>)

VII. Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm