

**Georgia Commission on Women
Executive Committee Meeting
November 14, 2020**

Agenda

Present: Tita Stewart, Julianna McConnell, Karla Jacobs, Sharon Baker, Johnessa Smith.

- Call to Order: Chairwoman Stewart called the zoom meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- Welcome: Chair woman officially welcomed our new program manager, Johnessa Smith and invited her to share information about herself and interests in the commission. Johnessa expressed great enthusiasm for our initiatives and her desire to carry out our mission.
- Review of Old Minutes: Chair Stewart announced that past executive director, Zephrae has not responded to requests to return the GCW computer and printer. Commissioner Jacobs reported that the Department of Public Health has no record of issuing a computer to her. The Inspector General sent her a letter requesting her to return the computer. This was declared to basically be a dead issue.
- Report of the Treasurer: Commissioner Jacobs gave a budget report and showed an excel sheet of expenditures to date. She outlined some projected expenditures and asked for discussion of designations for the rest of the budget that we have.
- Budget Status: Commissioner Jacobs projected approximately \$10,000 in administrative costs. After discussion it was decided that pillar chairs would be allocated \$4,000 for their initiatives with the stipulation that any expenditures over \$1,000 must be approved by the executive committee. Activities are still to be decided. The past plans for our First Annual Women's Health Summit that were cancelled due to covid will be considered again and brought to the entire commission at the next meeting. The idea of having some type of International Women's Day event in March was briefly discussed, but no decision made. Commissioners Jacobs and Baker noted that the previous event that GCW participated in was extremely successful. This item will be again discussed with the entire commission next week. Commissioner Neilson reported to Commissioner Baker that Amgen is potentially interested in partnering for an event around the topic of osteoporosis.
- Review of Pillars, Report from committee chairs: Commissioner Baker reported some progress is being made with the health committee and monthly blog assignments are being made. She has again submitted the past agenda for the First Annual Women's Health Summit for consideration. All agreed any event should be virtual and could be much less expensive than an in-person event. Social media can be used extensively for marketing.
- Commissioner Jacobs reported many developments and progress on the Human Trafficking pillar. The Human Trafficking task force received an \$800,000 grant primarily aimed at education for medical and law enforcement populations. Commissioner McConnell is also on

this task force and stated there is also a focus on policy. Commissioner Blakeley was also noted to be on this task force and Commissioner Nelson has applied to participate.

- Commissioner Jacobs reported that CJCC documents will be coming out regarding labor trafficking in the state with details about the issue and what needs to be done to improve the issue.
- Chair Stewart reported that Amerigroup has donated \$25,000 to Wellspring and Street Grace in an effort to support Governor Kemp's wife, Marty, in her efforts to assist in the prevention of human trafficking in the subgroup most vulnerable, foster children.
- Web Update: Commissioner Jacobs showed the new website and expressed how improved it looks. Program manager Smith suggested several additional improvements such as pillar tabs at the top of the web page and showed several streamlined structural changes to keep the website current and as a way to keep our documents available and archived.
- Unfinished Business: Program manager Smith asked for the list of commissioners currently on the website to be evaluated in order to delete individuals no longer on the commission and new titles for officers. She suggested that all commissioners need an updated bio and will develop a template to send to all commissioners for their input in order to have a complete description of each member of GCW.
- Meeting Schedule for upcoming year: Meeting schedule and zoom information is on the website. It was decided that the executive committee will meet the second Saturday every other month and the entire commission will meet on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.
- New Business: Commissioner Baker discussed the request she received from Margaret Coker, editor of the Current, a non-profit, non-partisan newspaper in Savannah/Coastal Georgia. She expressed special interest in maternal mortality, practice limitations for NPs—particularly as this affects rural Georgia. I'll attach her request. The executive committee plus Commissioner Nelson agreed to meet with her on Tuesday, November 17th at 10 a.m. Commissioner Baker sent her a number of articles on the areas she wished to know more about and asked her to let us know how to meet via zoom. Her connections and interest may be very helpful with sharing information in our designated pillars.

Adjournment: Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am.