

**Georgia Commission on Women**  
**Full Commission Meeting**  
**April 19, 2021**

**Minutes**

**Present: Tita Stewart, Karla Jacobs, Julianna McConnell, Sharon Baker, Michelle Nelson, Sally Barker, Johnessa Smith.**

- Call to Order: Commission chair Stewart called the zoom meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all commissioners:
- Review of Old Minutes: Shared by Johnessa. Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept as circulated, Commissioner Nelson seconded. Minutes accepted as circulated.
- Report of the Treasurer: Commissioner Jacobs shared spread sheet showing expenditures to date being \$13,735.90. Remaining budget is \$36,264.10. She shared the state travel policy and anyone traveling needs a form showing they are part of a state agency so taxes are not charged. Also state agencies receive a special rate. Additionally she shared that since we are not state employees, we aren't eligible for a purchase credit card.
- Budget Status: See above.
- Review of Pillars, Report from committee chairs:
- Legislative: Commissioner McConnell shared a document with a summary of bills passed in the legislative session. She also shared that Georgia will be the first state to launch a reciprocity compact for licensed professional counselors.
- APRN bill that would give APRN's the ability to prescribe schedule 2 pain meds for a 3 day supply in emergency situations designated in their protocol passed in the house, but not the Senate. Work will continue on this issue in the next session.
- A number of bills helpful to victims of sex trafficking were passed.
- SB156 may have some affect on GCW since we are housed in the department of labor. A chief labor officer was appointed which largely will change the current Commissioner's responsibilities. She doesn't anticipate any problems for us.
- Report from Marketing Committee: Four commissioners have still not sent their photo or bio sketch. They are urged to do this so the web site can be completed. Commissioner Tymchuck again reminded commissioners wanting business cards to get this information to Johnessa so they can all be ordered together. GCW name tags have arrived and look great. Johnessa will mail them to each commissioner.
- Commissioner Nelson suggested GCW consider getting GCW monogrammed shirts for commissioners to wear at our events to increase our visibility. This idea was viewed positively and Johnessa will explore vendors that might be in the state system and send a form to all commissioners to get sizes, etc.
- Commissioner Nelson suggested GCW consider a "formal gala" as a celebration and coming out event for GCW where we could partner with other organizations to increase familiarity with GCW. At the event awards and

scholarships could be given by GCW. She will send a proposal with expected expenditures and details about her idea to share with the group.

- Human Trafficking: Commissioner McConnell and Commissioner Nelson will attend the LPCA conference in Savannah from 5/4-5/7/2021. Commissioner Nelson and Dr. Eichelberger will be keynote speakers.
- New Business:
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> Georgia Commission on Women Presents: Wellness Summit. Johnessa shared the marketing piece for the upcoming event and the group expressed that the piece was attractive and progressing well. She also shared the agenda with gaps in speakers and needs for bio's and other information. Several additional speakers were suggested and commissioners committed to getting answers to Johnessa this week so marketing can progress and work on CEU's completed.
    - Press Release, Calendar Alerts, Eventbrite, Newsletter, Social Media
    - Topics. Continuing and looking good! Commissioner Nelson urged us to ask every speaker to share information about the event on their institution's social media sites to assist with marketing and attendance.
    - Partnerships: Commissioner Baker shared that the American Bone Association is willing to help with marketing. Johnessa to follow up with their executive director.
    - Sponsors: UAPRN and others will be asked for door prizes instead of cash.
  - Blog Schedule : May is Osteo prevention month. Commissioner Baker has drafted an article about GCW as an agency and announcement about upcoming summit. Johnessa and Commissioner Jacobs will edit and critique. This can be used to share with the AJC contact that Commissioner Nelson has and the Rome News Tribune that Commissioner Baker writes for.
  - Commissioner Baker has drafted a blog about osteoporosis for May and submitted it to Johnessa and Commissioner Jacobs for edits and suggestions.
  - All speakers will receive an honorarium..
- Unfinished Business: Commissioner Bios/HeadshotsRequest
  - Sallie Barker – Bio/Headshot
  - Tena Blakey- Bio/Headshot
  - Martha Long - Bio/Headshot
  - Linda McWhorter - Bio/Headshot
- Adjournment: Commissioner Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.