

**Georgia Commission on Women
Full Commission Meeting
March 22, 2021**

Minutes

Present: Tita Stewart, Julianna McConnell, Karla Jacobs, Sharon Baker, Michelle Nelson, Jill Neilson, Tena Blakey, Sally Barker, Melissa Tymchuck. Meeting via zoom call.

- Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Stewart at 7:04 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all commissioners
- Review of Old Minutes: Reviewed. Commissioner Jacobs motioned for approval. Commissioner Baker seconded. Approved as circulated.
- Report of the Treasurer: Commissioner Jacobs reported current balance as \$41,641.03. New expenditures reported by Commissioner Stewart that \$250 has since been paid for membership in the National Association of Commissions on Women. Johnessa reported \$3300 will be needed for the 444 group who will organize our upcoming video health summit. Commissioner Baker again reported she had not been reimbursed from some 2020 travel.
- Budget Status: Commissioner Stewart requested that all commissioners consider other sponsorships and expenses we might anticipate since we have an adequate budget for such activities and monies should be designated by April.
- Report from Marketing Committee: Commissioner Tymchuck reported name badges have been ordered, as well as envelopes. GCW letterhead both in paper and electronic form have been ordered. The following commissioners still need to send bio sketches and head shots for web site: Sallie Barker, Tena Blakey, Martha Long, Linda McWhorter and Melissa Tymchuck.
- Johnessa has circulated a GCW list of social media sites which now have GCW information to share and encouraged everyone to share them with organizations and friends. These include linked in, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Commissioner Stewart requested everyone put this information on their phones. She also reported she had written a blog on black history month for the website.
- Report from Human Trafficking Committee: Commissioner Jacobs reported she is participating on the state wide task force as well as the newly established coalition which is working on a statewide level. They are considering lunch and learn programs as well as ways to partner with faith organizations to focus on education about trafficking with a focus on labor trafficking. The coalition is working on training police officers on trafficking issues. Commissioner Baker asked if the task force was familiar with the SOAR program that is sponsored by the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. The web site and information is listed at the end of the minutes. This site offers free programs particularly for health professionals and provides CEU's.
- Commissioner Jacobs reported that Tim Echols, Public Service Commissioner is very committed to the issue of human trafficking and travels throughout the state providing information. She will be speaking at his next event.

- Commissioner Jacobs reported that she is working with the Atlanta Press Club on conducting a zoom meeting on labor trafficking in April.
- Commissioner Stewart stated Anthem has contributed over \$200,000 to assist with this program.
- Commissioner McConnell reported the first lady is quite involved in Georgia CARES Commission which focuses on human trafficking and has made carrying legislation an easier task because of her influence with new bills being introduced on the topic. The floor leader will be carrying any pertinent legislation on trafficking.
- Commissioner Nelson reported the task force she is working on. Striving and Thriving is focusing on 13-18 year olds to assist them with a variety of skills. That task force is looking for speakers and volunteers.
- Legislative Committee: Commissioner McConnell reported that SB16 designed to create a GCW on Black Women and Girls is not currently on the legislative calendar yet. She will monitor this topic. She shared that cross over day is going to be March 8th and if legislation hasn't been introduced in the house or senate it will be dead this session. One issue being worked on is obtaining licensure for nurse practitioners, but additional work has to be done to complete this issue during the current session. She is following HB369 AND 430 which focuses on allowing APRN's and PA's to prescribe schedule 2 medications in the ER settings for a 5 day supply, allowing advanced practice professionals to provide disability license tags and order home health
- Commissioner Stewart reported we are down three commissioners because of resignations for various reasons. GCW will be sending recommendations for new appointees to the appointing legislator with suggestions for replacements.
- New Business:
 - Joined National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)
 - Commissioner Nelson reported on a new program entitled Candid Covid Conversations. The first call had 100 participants. This will be conducted once a month with March 3 being the next program. She encouraged all commissioners to be on the call to be introduced. See web site for zoom info which is printed at the end of these minutes.
 - March 8th - International Women's Day—GCW will Co-sponsor the International Women's Forum Georgia's International Women's Day Program. Commissioner Jacobs is participating.
 - April 7th UAPRN - "GCW Commission Edition" –Introduction of the GCW to the Candid Covid Conversations program. Commissioner Nelson encouraged all commissioners to be present. GCW is co-sponsoring this program. She wants GCW to have a large presence to familiarize other participants of our activities. <https://uaprn.enpnetwork.com/nurse-practitioner-news/212746-candid-covid-conversations>
 - June 12th First Annual Women's Health Summit, programs, assignments. Commissioner Baker sent a draft proposal for topics for the upcoming summit with speakers to consider and confirm. Commissioner Stewart asked for input and responses from all commissioners. Johnessa shared that all speakers will be recorded and there can be multiple concurrent sessions. Participants can also look at the programs at a later date and still receive CEU's. The program will be free. Commissioner Nelson suggested that a covid update as well as topics on health disparities and social determinates of health be included, and the women's health component be expanded to include topics other than just osteoporosis. All commissioners are asked to send their thoughts and suggestions. The 444 group will be developing the video conference. Johnessa wants all program details completed by April 1 to give the marketing committee time to promote the program successfully.

Candid COVID Conversations:

<https://uaprn.enpnetwork.com/nurse-practitioner-news/212746-candid-covid-conversations>

Posted 12 days ago

The United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in association with the Georgia Nurses Association brings to you a meeting and discussion lead by Dr. Georgina Peacock.

This discussion will focus on the new emerging vaccines from Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca. There will also be a panel on the mental health effects on nurses.

Georgina Peacock, MD, MPH, FAAP is currently serving as the Georgia Department of Health, Chief Medical Officer as a CDC assignee. Her permanent position at CDC is the Division Director for the Division of Human Development and Disability (DHDD) at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). Dedicated to the health and development of children and adults across the lifespan, she applies her personal passion and knowledge to a critical leadership position at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Join us on Zoom

UAPRN of GA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Candid COVID Conversations

Time: Mar 3, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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SOAR *Online* is jointly provided by the [Postgraduate Institute for Medicine](#) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The modules are a collaboration between the Administration for Children and Families Office on Trafficking in Persons and the HHS Office on Women's Health, supported by the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. The SOAR trainings are developed in collaboration with subject matter experts in the field, including those with lived experiences, and partner organizations.

SOAR *Online* is a series of CE/CME training modules that you can complete whenever, wherever you like. The modules discuss the SOAR framework and how to apply it where you work to identify individuals who are at risk, currently experiencing, or have experienced trafficking and connect them with the resources they need.

- Adjournment