

**Georgia Commission on Women
Full Committee Meeting
May 17, 2021, 2021**

Agenda

Present:

- Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order by Tita Stewart
- Review of Old Minutes
 - Reviewed and recommended for acceptance by Commissioner Tina Blakely Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Michelle Nelson. Approved
- Pillar Updates
 - From legislative perspective, high level- Commissioner McConnell stated that Governor Brian Kemp as of last Monday, May 10th, 2021, passed all legislatives that we were monitoring. Including us being the first state in the nation to pass a compact bar for licensing professional counselors (LPC). Once we have 10 states in total to pass this legislation (there are already that many that are in the process to pass legislation) then we will have a seat in the table of the leadership nationwide in putting together the rules and regulations. That is the compact where you can move state to state easier and your license will be honored.
 - McConnell and Nelson attended license professional counselors annual meeting where Michelle rallied everyone to call the governor's office to sign the bill. Governor Kemp signed the bill around 4:30 in the afternoon. About 500 people were present at the annual meeting.
 - We will be monitoring upcoming special sessions for reapportionment to see how all maps fallout with our local and state and congressional seats while they are re-drawing the map. Which will change who are legislators are and which congressional district we fall in.
 - We are getting ready for the next session because we have several pieces of legislation especially relative to our nurses. Two pieces of legislation that moved some during the session but did not make the finish line, so we will be working on these from now until January.
- Human Trafficking
 - Commissioner Karla Jacobs reported there hasn't been much change on human trafficking front with statewide task force.
 - We're moving forward with working on our 3 separate projects. From management meeting last week, group 8 has a couple projects ongoing, and work group 9 that Tena is working with. We are making good progress going forward.
 - Jacobs will be traveling on behalf of GCW and the statewide human trafficking task force June 3rd 2021 to Columbus, GA to conduct train the trainer session on hotel human trafficking prevention with 50 attendees. The attendees represent hotel franchises with a couple thousand employees.
- Report of the Treasurer
 - Report from Commissioner Karla Jacobs: Jacobs shared 2020-2021 Expenditure ledger from dates April-May 17, 2021. Lot of funds spent with the Women's Health Pillar which is great.
 - We did sponsor an exhibit table at the license professional counselor group.
 - All Four Forty Four group expenses are marketing and event managing expenses for the Women's Health Summit.

- Sharon's forms were finally filled out for her reimbursement for shipping and other expenses from earlier. Johnessa was paid.
 - I paid for Georgia Public Training Safety Center (GPTSC) training and is looking to get reimbursed for that.
 - We have spent half of our budget, \$24,072.52. \$25, 927.48 remaining in budget. Will be sending invoice from the last 444 group \$3,360.00, I had to guide them on which forms to complete. We probably have roughly \$5,000.00 still outstanding for summit things, paying Johnessa, and other this and that things. We are in pretty good shape.
 - I am meeting tomorrow (May 18th 2021) with the director of budgets for the department of health to make sure that our budget remaining matches what they think we have remaining so we do not end up in a situation like we were last year. We are trying to get invoices for the June program in as quickly as possible so that they will get paid in this fiscal year and not go into our budget for next year.
 - Next year's budget did get passed for \$50,000.
 - *Note from Commissioner Stewart: Budget shows \$25,000, for the month of June the marketing committee is spending roughly \$5,000 on SWAG material. So the \$25,000 becomes roughly \$20,000. Then including ins and outs around \$5,000 makes roughly \$15,000 give or take a couple thousand. And then we must discuss the scholarship. So realistically status shows that we have roughly \$12,000-\$15,000 to spend prior to the end of June. Discussion of a potential gala during executive meeting. Waiting on confirmed dollar amount of remaining budget from outstanding balances.
 - Jacobs states that she will confirm remaining budget after meeting with director of budgets but estimates remaining will be around \$10,000-\$15,000.
- Budget Status
 - \$50,000 budget confirmed for next year. \$25, 927.48 remaining in budget to use prior to June 30th 2021 (not including outstanding balancing from treasure report, Health Summit SWAG material, and potential gala).
 - Review of Pillars, Report from committee chairs
 - Jacobs report for Coalition side-: we are moving a lot of things forward in the training sub-committee I am on. We are close to having online law enforcement training completed. We met with Georgia Public Training Safety Center (GPTSC) and we are working on getting the training and we are hoping that soon the governor will sign an executive order requiring all law enforcement personnel to take this human trafficking training. I did spend time on Friday (June 18th 2021) updating our hotel training presentation with all the new legislation that passed.
 - Report from Commissioner Nelson on sub-committee: Looking for individuals who can spend time with the young ladies to do things like life skills is still ongoing. Looking to form group to provide time and expertise to these young ladies. I will be sending out information to group. It is still virtual currently.
 - Report from Julianna on legislative sub-committee: We are now in the process of gathering input from other work groups as we begin to look at next year. We had a great year and that included the pieces of legislation that did pass. We will be working on looking at our agenda for next year, and our meetings start back next week.

- Commissioner Jacobs reports on behalf on Tena: Work group 9 is working with adult victims on human trafficking. They are getting ready to do round table in the fall around housing for survivors of human trafficking, which is a major hurdle for victims to cross. No current plan for dollars or sponsorship outside of traveling prior to June 30th cutoff. There may be opportunity to help with law enforcement training program. May possibly need to do case study-scenario-filming and may needs funds for production things for the video, which will be after June 30th.
- New Business
 - Georgia Wellness Summit: Reports by program administrator Johnessa Smith
 - Website Updates- GCW website has been renovated, there is a hero image on homepage that allows you to be taken directly to event brite registration link with overview of information for summit. Soon coming will be a “keeping up with commissioners” page that features context about conferences, and summits you are all attending in efforts to move more traffic throughout the website.
 - Partnerships – New partnership page featured on website.
 - Deliverable’s update- The goal is to have all recordings and presentations completed at the end of the month.
 - CEU Fees (Update)- Lynn Rhyne (Georgia Nurses Association) confirmed no payment required for CEU Fees. She is sharing our newsletter on their website.
 - Press Release, Calendar Alerts, Eventbrite, Newsletter Update- New newsletter that has been rolled out via all media campaigns. Over 100 people as of now registered for the summit.
 - Sponsors (digital preliminary package developed)-Sponsorships will run from \$500-\$1,500. Content will be shared.
 - CARE.org Proposal Feedback due by 5/18/21
 - Prizes- At the last meeting, the executive committee decided that the prizes for the summit would be 5 \$50 gift cards that will be raffled off throughout the summit. And the large prize will be an iPad Pro. \$1000 has been set aside for prizes and will be handled by 444 group. The 444 group is also handling honorarium fees.
 - Blog Schedule (June/July/August needed)- Sharon has re-did the entire blog page for the month of May targeting National Osteoporosis prevention month.
 - GCW SWAG- Currently working with marketing team to pull together more items to have in office, so in the event of conferences, materials are readily available. Marketing materials are needed to be kept in downtown office. 2 additional tablecloths have been ordered making a total of 3.
 - Upcoming Conferences- Submissions needed for upcoming conferences or partnerships to be added to the website to keep content fresh and updated.
 - GCW Gala- Report from Commissioner Stewart: Jacobs will be getting confirmation on whether scholarships can be done with state funding to the non-profits, funds available, and if we will be able to move forward with a gala depending on remaining budget. Commissioner Nelson is putting together a proposal for the gala (UAPRN & GCW), providing the overall context of the healthcare celebration.
- Unfinished Business: Commissioner Bios Request

- Report from Commissioner Jacobs: Amy Doorman (in charge of appointment's from governor Kemp's office) is requesting information from full commission board about members. Johnessa and I will be collecting commissioner information to submit to governor's office by the end of the week.
- Adjournment
- 7:57pm meeting adjourned
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