



## Anchorage Women's Commission



### AWC Meeting 01/06/2022 4:00 – 5:30 pm Microsoft Teams online meeting

**Commissioners Present: Monica Elkinton, Jackie Cason(Chair), Valerie Chadwick, Heather Clopton, Margaret Duggan, Alexis Johnson, Sheri Lisenbee, Renee Scott, Leslie Vines, Kami Hutchins (AHD Liaison), Andria Cross (AHD Host)**

#### **I. Call to Order**

- Quorum established & Call to Order at 4:04 pm

#### **II. Land Acknowledgement**

#### **III. Introductions**

#### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

- Motion to approve agenda (Commissioner Lisenbee)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve (Commissioner Elkinton)

#### **V. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes (Commissioner Vines)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve (Commissioner Elkinton)

#### **VI. Old Business**

- Mental Health Resource Update

#### **VII. Public Comments**

- No public comments

#### **VIII. New Business**

- AHD Update (Kami Hutchins)
  - She will provide an update regarding the Anchorage Health Department at an upcoming meeting.
  - A flyer for COVID-19 testing site information was posted to the chat
- Planning for International Women's Day:
  - March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022
  - Promote event on social media, more to come
- Strategic Planning for 2022 (Chair Cason)

Strategic Planning Brainstorm - AWC 01/06/2022  
Topics of Interest for 2022

*Food Support*

- *Nutrition in schools (Monica)*
- ***Children's' Lunch Box program – find ways to support, AWC members volunteer? (Margaret)***

***Professional Development***

- ***Professional Development for youth– interviews, resume, professional attire, preparation for the job, financial literacy. Create a resource list, curate and promote them (Sheri)***
- ***Get Girls Into Government (Alexis)***
- ***Children's' Lunch Box program – find ways to support, AWC members volunteer? (Margaret)***

*Resource/Support Needs*

- *Mental Health resource lists (Monica)*
- *Health Literacy – find ways to support and promote, help people navigate the healthcare system (Jackie)*
- *Support for women at Sullivan Arena mass care facility (Renee)*
- *Provide letters of support as appropriate, very powerful (AWC)*
- *Support for young students experiencing stress due to ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, rights-of-passage events are reduced due to pandemic (Leslie)*
- *New Parent Support groups, modeled after Seattle, WA program. AHD and ANTHC had similar parental network classes at one point, Family Nurse Partnership at Providence Hospital (Monica)*
- *City Hall – possible childcare center (Alexis)*

***Diversity and Inclusion- constant running theme***

- ***Promote diversity through AWC, encourage participation of diverse membership on commissions. Advertise through social media, reach more people who might be interested. Pictures of fun events, food, and other ways to draw engagement (Leslie)***
- ***Missing/Murdered Indigenous Peoples movement (Valerie)***
- ***International Women's Day, possible event at the Mayors office, bring people of all backgrounds and ages together (Alexis)***

*Alaska and Local Government*

- *Invite State Legislators, especially women Legislators to AWC meetings (Monica)*
- *Governor's Commissions / Advisory Councils (Valerie)*
- *Leadership events (AWC/Alexis)*
- **Events:**
  - [UAA – Brain Injury ECHO for individuals and family members](#)  
Multiple Dates, next January 11<sup>th</sup>, 202
  - [Alaska Black Caucus - Community Conversation: Racism is a Public Health Crisis](#)  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Anchorage Youth Summit, January 17<sup>th</sup> 12-3:30pm Spenard Recreation Center

**IX. Adjournment, 5:25 pm**

- Motion to adjourn (Commissioner Chadwick)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn (Commissioner Scott)

**NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

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