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**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MINUTES**

Monday, January 31, 2022, 6:45 pm  
(Rescheduled from Monday, January 24, 2022)

**Call to Order:** Chair Mary Hastler

**Attendance:** Mary Hastler, Chair; Jill Hamilton, Vice Chair; Joy Christmas; Kristy Halford; Bonnie Miranda; Alison Imhoff; Mary Teddy Wray; Stacey Rebbert; Roslyn Hannibal-Booker; Robin Tomechko; Dr. Charlene Chester (guest)

Absent: Cathy Ohler; Shantia Fitzgerald; Nafisabanu Multani; Nancy Turner

Staff: Sylvia Bryant

**Approval of Minutes:** The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Minutes as submitted from the November 22, 2021, meeting.

**Chairwoman's Report:** Chair Mary Hastler welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting. Dr. Charlene Chester attended the meeting to learn more about the Commission and the work that is carried out. Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Dr. Chester. Chair Hastler reminded the Commissioners that she received an email from Ms. Barbara Kreamer expressing concern with what she believes is sexist language being used throughout various groups in the county pertaining to the redistricting process and Board of Elections. The Harford County Department of Community Services will be collecting baby diapers and wipes during the month of February and drop off locations will be throughout the county including the 11 Library Branches.

**Coordinator's Report:** Ms. Bryant thanked Ms. Rebbert for sharing information on an upcoming training on critical race theory and the impact on women scheduled for February 21. Three notable speakers have been arranged and Ms. Bryant will send out

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tomorrow to make sure it is at the top of your inbox. Ms. Bryant reported that we have not received any applications for the Women of Tomorrow awards to date and need to make a couple of decisions this evening.

### **Committee Updates:**

- Community Conversations - Ms. Hannibal-Booker provided an update on Community Conversations. It has been challenging with arranging speakers, dates, and details because of the impact of COVID, mandates and more. It was requested that the Commission think about new topics to explore and also provide a couple of tentative dates. This information will greatly assist in setting up a schedule of conversations. Ms. Bryant noted that the one topic to address again is human trafficking and specifically body parts. The Commission has held conversations on human trafficking, and this is another part of the problem needing awareness. Ms. Imhoff noted that SARC has a staff member who provides training on human trafficking and may be of assistance. Ms. Maranda noted that an entire section of last year's benchmarking report provides extensive resources that we can tap into. The draft will be distributed to the Commissioners to help provide a starting point for generating ideas for community conversations.
  
- Women of Tomorrow Awards – Dr. Mary Teddy Wray - A discussion followed on steps to take, and the following was decided for this year's Women of Tomorrow Awards:
  - Increase the award amount for each winner to \$500
  - Revise the nomination forms with the new award amount along with a new submission deadline of March 4<sup>th</sup> and widely distribute
  - Check with Richlin to see if they will extend our commitment to fall 2022 and hold a celebration of Women of Harford in early September.
  - Create a virtual program for the WOT Awards 2022 on May 4, 2022—A Celebration!
  - Reviewers are Mary Teddy Wray, Jill Hamilton, Stacey Rebbert and Mary Hastler
  
- Maryland Commission for Women – Kristi Halford provided an update. The Maryland Commission report on Covid and the Impact of Women will be coming out soon. The Maryland Commission Policy & Legislative Committee is working on legislative issues and Ms. Halford provided a list of bills that the Maryland Commission for Women either supports or supports with conditions. The bills are:
  - [HB0153/SB0033](#), Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Repeal of Spousal Defense
  - [HB0008/SB00275](#), Time to Care Act
  - [HB0296/SB280](#), Interim and Temporary Protective Order – Virtual Petition and Hearing

- [HB0148/SB328](#), Stalking
  - [HB0454](#), Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act:
  - [HB0626](#), Termination of Pregnancy – Performance and Criminal and Civil Liability (Pregnant Person’s Dignity Act)
  - Abortion Care Access Act of 2022
- Governance Committee – Chair Cathy Ohler – No report this month.
  - Membership Development Committee – Chair Joy Christmas – Ms. Christmas continues with board recruitment and please connect potential new Commissioners with Commissioner Christmas.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Ms. Rebbert requested an updated roster for the Commission reflecting correct terms.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 28, 2022, 6:45pm via WebEx

**Adjourn:** Motion was made to adjourn.