



**Baltimore County Commission for Women
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017**

Present: Bella Owens, Vonzella Perry, Carmen Christiana, Jennie Fernandez, Sheila Derman, Linda Forsyth, Renee McGuirk-Spence, Phyllis Hall, Ruth Howard, Sabrina Jones, Frances Smith, Lynda Stahl, Helene Waranch, Nancy Surosky

Excused Absences: Kimberly Bowen, Kelly Carter, Jacqui Lampell, Cecelia Myrick, Nitsa Zdziera

Unexcused Absences: Theresa Barrett, Cheryl Brooks, Dorothy Foes, Emily Hunter

Call to Order: 6:06 p.m. by President Bella Owens

Minutes of June and August Meetings: Minutes of both meetings accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance \$10,000, Expenses \$476.10, ending balance \$9,523.90.

President's Report: Announcements: Bella asked commissioners to keep Jacqui in their thoughts and prayers. She spoke about how the NACW is reorganizing and connecting with other national women's organizations, she will also be representing NACW in the Washington D.C. area. She spoke and provided handouts for the following events:

- MD Commission for Women: 2018 MD Women of Tomorrow Call for Nominations
- MD Commission on Civil Rights hosting free screening of the movie "Marshall", October 27th at the Senator Theatre.
- Bella offered two tickets to interested commissioners for the 10th Anniversary Gala of The Samaritan Women

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Woman of the Year: Targeted dates: March 22nd or 27th, commissioners selected March 27th. Nominations will go out next week.

Women's Health: Phyllis provided the following handouts:

- Baltimore County Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Resource Fair, November 2nd.
- Help with applying for Medicaid, MD Children's Health Program, or Qualified Health Plan, at the Drumcastle Government Center, Tuesdays and Saturdays, November and December.
- Dental Care information for those residing in 21221 and 21244 zip codes.
- FREE flu shot, October 21st at various locations.

Women's Equality/Diversity: Ruth reported that the recently concluded Diversity Dimension was well received and attended, over 50 people in attendance. Great discussion and feedbacks for panelists and attendees, possible to bring the event to the eastside of the County.

Public Policy Agenda: Sheila reported and provided a handout for the MLAW 2017 Fall Conference taking place on November 18th. There was a call to register and the commission's recommendations.

Human Trafficking: Frances reported that a meeting will take place on October 24 to strategize the next steps for the stalled Baltimore County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Domestic Violence: Bella shared an MCASA e-mail she received about ending rapist parental rights in Maryland.

Old Business/New Business: Bella suggested postponing discussion on the 2018 calendar until the November meeting. Ruth will work on a 5 year annual report due in January 2018. Bella and Carmen discussed having Jennie as the "Social Communications" chair. In this role she will mail cards for birthdays, illnesses, etc. Ruth asked for an updated commission roster and an update of the commission website.

Guest Speaker Presentation: Del. Shelly Hettleman, Baltimore County District 11.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.