



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN

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FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 7, 2005, 5:30 pm
Department of Administration, Conference Room C
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

PRESENT: Jane M. Anthony, Joyce Dolbec, Carol Gibbons, Catherine Graziano, Joanne Hill, Jacqueline Leguerre, Mary Anne Miller, Sarah Rockett, Kathleen Spangler, Jan Torres, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Anna Tucker, Beverly Turner, Camille Vollaro, Tracy Williams.

EXCUSED ABSENT: Linda Newton, Corinne Calise Russo.

UNEXCUSED ABSENT: Lela Morgan, Neena Savage, Robert Watson.

Call to Order

Chair Jane M. Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. The Chair welcomed new Commissioners Jacqueline Leguerre and Beverly Turner.

Consent Agenda

Catherine Graziano made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Joanne Hill seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair's Update

Chair Jane Anthony appointed Catherine Graziano, Kathleen Spangler and Marilyn Coccozza Trillo to the Nominating Committee.

Any commissioner interested in touring the prison facilities should contact Director Shanna Wells, who will coordinate the tour with Commissioner Joanne Hill.

Camille Vollaro made a motion to accept the Chair's update. Marilyn Coccozza Trillo seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Director's Report

See attached Director's Report. The Commissioners discussed whether to accept the Challenge Grant opportunity offered to the Commission by the Rhode Island Foundation. Catherine Graziano made a motion to accept the opportunity to participate in the Challenge Grant. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Joanne Hill made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Mary Anne Miller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports

Woman of the Year Committee: See attached report. Discussion ensued regarding tying the Woman of the year event and Freda Goldman Education Award Event more closely together. Kathleen Spangler made a motion to accept the Woman of the Year Committee Report. Mary Anne Miller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Health Committee: The Health Committee met in October. Guest speaker was Mary Falvey, R.N., of the RI Hospital Breast Cancer Navigation Program. December's meeting will focus on women discharging from prison and access to health care. In January, The Health Committee will focus on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the new vaccines for HPV. Discussion ensued about having the presenter, Dr. Loida Bonney, present this information to the full commission as well as the Health Committee. Catherine Graziano made a motion to accept the Health Committee Report. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee #1: Chair Joanne Hill described the goals determined by this committee: to strengthen the Commission's network with organizations that deal with women's issues to create new collaborations, and to promote full participation for women in political process by creating linkages on our website. A sort term goal of this committee is to hold a women's forum at the state house, hosted by first lady, Mrs. Carcieri.

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee #2: Chair Carol Gibbons described the goal determined by this committee: to evaluate, assess, and respond to societal factors affecting women. This committee would like women's organizations to see the Commission as a door that leads to the Governor and the legislature, and to strengthen the network we have with those organizations. The Commission could act as a facilitator between State government and these organizations.

Based on the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Reports, the Commissioners brainstormed ideas for a "State of the State of RI Women Forum". The event would be a full day retreat. Women from all sectors would be invited. Chair Jane Anthony and Director Shanna Wells will look into funding options and seek a location.

Old Business

Women's Prison Facility: Joanne Hill provided information to the Commissioners about the RI DOC's request for a letter of support about the Capital Campaign to build a new women's prison facility (see attached.) Joyce Dolbec made a motion to draft a letter of support. Marilyn Coccozza Trillo seconded the motion. **Voting Aye:** Jane M. Anthony, Joyce Dolbec, Carol Gibbons, Jacqueline Leguerre, Mary Anne Miller, Sarah Rockett, Jan Torres, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Beverly Turner, Camille Vollaro. **Voting Nay:** none. **Abstaining:** Joanne Hill, Kathleen Spangler, Tracy Williams. **Motion passed by majority.**

New Business

Sarah Rockett, Chair of the Educational Awards Committee will hold a meeting of this committee at **4:30 PM, on Monday, December 5, 2005, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 2nd floor, Conference Room C.** This meeting will occur just prior to the full commission meeting at 5:30 PM.

Chair Jane Anthony appointed the Nominating Committee: Kathleen Spangler, Catherine Graziano, Marilyn Cocozza Trillo.

Commissioners discussed the need to receive minutes and agendas a week prior to the meetings, rather than 48 hours before.

Adjournment

Joyce Dolbec made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Camille Vollaro seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next full Commission meeting: **5:30 PM, Monday, December 5, 2005, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 2nd floor, Conference Room C.**

Minutes approved on December 5, 2005.

Joyce Dolbec, 1st Vice Chair