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RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN

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Rhode Island Commission on Women

Full Commission Meeting

Monday January 10, 2005, 5:30 PM

Department of Administration, 2nd Floor Conference Room C

Minutes

Present: Jane M. Anthony, Helen Christy, Joyce Dolbec, Joanne Hill, Mary Anne Miller, Linda Newton, Sarah Rockett, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Camille Vollaro, Cynthia Wilson.

Absent: Catherine Graziano, Lela Morgan, Kathy Nadeau, Adelita Orefice, Neena Savage, Kathleen Spangler, Anna Tucker

Unexcused Absent: Melvoid Benson, Jo Eva Gaines, Robert Watson.

Present, non-voting: Shanna Wells.

Call to Order

Chair Jane Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Presentation by Transformation House

Please see attached information distributed by Transformation House Director Dianne Sprague, and Department of Corrections Representative Teresa Foley.

Consent Agenda

Joanne Hill made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Linda Newton seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Update

Chair Jane Anthony informed the commissioners that she and Helen Christy are currently reviewing the Financial Integrity and Accountability (FIA) report for submission at the end of the month.

Chair Jane Anthony asked for assistance with arranging a strategic planning meeting for the commission. Joyce Dolbec stated she would try to reach Barbara Inderlin, who facilitated the previous strategic planning meetings. Chair Jane Anthony also asked for volunteers to be on the strategic planning committee. She would like the meeting to be held on a Saturday in March.

Chair Jane Anthony stated the first meeting of Senator Michael McCaffrey's Domestic Violence Advisory Board was held in December. Concerns were raised regarding a recent Supreme Court

ruling regarding petty misdemeanors in Domestic Violence cases as well as revisiting the wording of the Domestic Violence handgun bill for this years legislative session. The Attorney General's Domestic Violence Task Force is also looking at these issues. The meeting with Deb DeBare of RICADV has been rescheduled to next month to allow opportunities for specific bills and 2005 legislative goals to be discussed.

Chair Jane Anthony requested Shanna Wells to put together a binder of all existing position papers adopted by the RICW and to forward copies to all Commissioners. She asked all Commissioners to review the position papers, make recommendations for updates, deletions, or additional position papers; suggested this topic could be discussed at the strategic planning workshop.

Joyce Dolbec made a motion to accept the Chair's Update. Mary Anne Miller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Director's Report

Please see attached Director's Report. Camille Vollaro made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Marilyn Coccozza Trillo seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business

Woman of the Year as a Standing Committee – After discussion, the commissioners agreed by consensus to leave the Woman of the Year Committee as a sub-committee of the Community Awareness Committee.

New Business

None.

Announcement

Deb Debare of the RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence will attend the February 7th meeting of the Commission to discuss their current legislative agenda.

Joyce Dolbec gave out flyers inviting people to attend the 6th Annual birthday celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., hosted by the RI Civil Rights Roundtable on January 12th.

Adjournment

Marilyn Coccozza Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2005, 5:30 PM, Department of Administration, 2nd Floor, Conference Room C.

Minutes approved on _____.

Kathy Nadeau, Secretary