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Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30pm-7:30pm

1. Call to Order

- i. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

2. Roll Call: Members present in person via zoom or by phone/quorum

- i. Attending: Commissioner Erica Crowley, Managing Secretary Haben Abraham, Chairwoman Shannon Kula
- ii. Not attending: Vice Chairwoman Janee Falston, Commissioner Melinda Johnson

3. Old Business

- i. HPD/HFD gender equity
 - i. Discussed connecting with HPD and HFD recruitment officers
 - ii. Discussed reconnecting with the city's HR Director Marlene Fleeting for her understanding and awareness of established women recruitment efforts
- ii. Discussion focused on outstanding issues relating to planning for our Sept forum.
 - i. September 27, PCSHW Virtual Hartford Women's Economic Forum
 - 1. Recommend we email City Council members invitations

2. Recommend we also invite past guest presenters as well
3. Chairwoman Kula will update the invitation and send it to Commissioner Crowley for posting

4. New Business Update

i. October 25, PCSHW Virtual Hartford Women's Health & Safety Forum

1. The two panels are:

Panel 1: Domestic Violence/Safety:

- Interval House
 - Commissioner MJ Foster is out of town, invite deputy ED
- Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Mothers United Against Violence, Faith Based Initiative/Dr. Corker

Panel 2: Health & Wellness:

- YWCA
- Hispanic Health Council
- The Village
- Family Life Education

Community Residents:

- Volunteer residents to testify to topic areas

ii. What are our goals for discussion?

1. Mental Health / Crisis Intervention – opportunity to examine non-sworn in officers or personnel who can ride in cars to provide support for any behavioral health needs)
2. Health care – expand Husky eligibility for adults
3. Domestic Violence – raise awareness and promote policies to address the rise in DV during the COVID pandemic

4. Opioids – raise awareness and advocate for programs to combat data showing 2020 experiencing highest opioid overdoses than any other year

5. Adjournment at 7:30pm