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

Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30pm-7:00pm

### **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
    - 1. Sgt Steven Austin invitation to the next commission meeting 10/18
- ii. Discussion focused on outstanding issues relating to our October forum.
  - i. October 25, PCSHW Virtual Hartford Women's Health & Safety Forum
    - 1. Commissioner Crowley will update the invitation
    - 2. Chairwoman Kula will confirm all speakers

#### **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
- YWCA

Panel 2: Health & Wellness:

- 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 – increase access, 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 7:00pm**