**MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

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**Opening of the Meeting**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for:** 6/22

**Chairs Update**

1. Updates from the State Commission
2. Currently working on a project with the state Commission on data related to incarcerated women
3. Reviewing Policies and Procedures for Commissioners – making sure our info is on the state database regarding agendas, minutes, etc.

**General Business Discussion**

1. Our next MetroWest READ Event – Heather to update us
2. Debrief on our Title IX event from Lisa
3. Voices Against Violence Walk on September 17th Thoughts on fielding a team, hosting a table and what handouts we would need if we do host a table.

**Communications**

1. Update from Nasiba on what how it is going and what we can do to help her
2. ‘Getting to Know the MW Commissioners’ (Model after the Athena Council?) Where are we at on this?

**Legislative**

1. Update from Lindsey and Julie – what bills we supported moved forward. What can we still do, if anything, on others?

**Athena Council** (Rachel and Jean)

1. Recruitment of New Members – we have four applicants. Info on next steps to interview and appoint new members from Rachel and Jean and Mia

**New Business**

1. ‘CommuniTeas’—Suggestions for Our First ‘Tea’ date and location?
2. Domestic Violence Committee— discuss a topic and date and logistics for a September event
3. Set dates for meetings for the rest of this year – all in person (Oct., Nov., Dec.)

**Old and New Business: A Conversation**

1. An open discussion about the year. What worked, what didn’t? How can we be more engaged with one another and with our constituents? Where do we go from here? Aspirations?
2. Open discussion on any topic from Commissioners

**Adjourn**

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Co-Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co- Chair), Leslie Smart (Vice-Chair), Lisa MacDonald (Secretary), Jean Bertschmann, Rachel Niemiec, Lindsey Galvao, Nasiba Mannan, Julie Watt Faqir, Deirdre Belger (Athena Council Student Leader)