

FINAL

North Carolina Council for Women
Quarterly Meeting
Senior Service Center, Winston Salem, NC
September 20, 2012

Location: 2895 Shorefair Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Time: CFW Board Meeting 1:00pm to 3:30pm
Displaced Homemaker Conference 9:00am to 1:00pm

Attendees: *Kate Deiter-Maradei, Ann Gerhardt, Alexander Gomes, Dr. Valerie Johnson, Phil Kline, Dr. Julie Lapham and DOA Deputy Secretary June Michaux*

Absent: *Meena Ahuja, Robin Coates, Michelle Gooding, Diane Kuehn, Karen LeVert, Jane Martin, Carolyn B. Morrison, Muriel Offerman, Lisa Piñero, Melissa Reed, Judge Robin Robinson, Laura Wallace and Jenny Ward (Chair)*

CFW Staff: *Executive Director Beth Briggs, Assistant Director Mary Williams- Stover, Research Assistant Tara Minter and Administrative Assistant Charlotte Hanemann*

I. Welcome and Introductions – Beth Briggs, Executive Director

The Council for Women meeting was scheduled from 1:00pm to 3:30pm during the statewide Annual Conference for Displaced Homemakers Program that was organized by the Council for Women.

Council members were invited to participate in the Displaced Homemakers Conference to meet our DH grantees and learn more about the work they do throughout the state. The conference brought together executive directors, program coordinators and volunteers from thirty-five Displaced Homemaker Programs to share strategies for building self-sufficiency and success. Attached is the agenda for the conference.

II. Approval of Minutes- Beth Briggs, Executive Director

Minutes from the June 8, 2012 board meeting will be reviewed and approved at our next council meeting on Friday November 9, 2012.

III. 2012-2013 Grant Cycle – Beth Briggs, Executive Director

The Council for Women Grant Administrators Jackie Jordan and Todd Moore are in the process of reviewing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault contract amendments and contracts for Displaced Homemaker Programs. The goal is to have all grant contracts processed by the end of October.

Beth asked Council Members for their input on how to improve the upcoming grant cycle. It was also suggested that Council Members write thank you letters to members of the General Assembly thanking them for their continued support of these important program grants.

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IV. Executive Director's Report Highlights – Beth Briggs, Executive Director

- **Osnium Software – Tara Minter, Council for Women**

For several years the Council for Women has been seeking software for monitoring local program assessment. The NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) and the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA) contracted with Osnium Software, Inc. to create client base software for DV and SA programs. The DV and SA programs license is through the Coalitions. The Council for Women received Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation funding to provide the software and license for the DH programs. Six (6) DH programs agreed to use the Osnium database. Training for the programs was conducted during the second week of September. The Osnium software allows programs to collect information on clients, determine where staff spends their time, track volunteer hours, assess program impact and evaluate outcome measures.

- **Status of Women Report**

Ms. Briggs presented the Executive Summary of the 2012 Status of Women Report at the Conference. Governor Perdue will release the Executive Summary and briefing papers on the Triangle and Western North Carolina on October 11, 2012. The complete report will be released in January, 2013. Over the next few months, staff is scheduled to make presentations on the Status of Women Report across the state. There was a lengthy discussion of events, organizations and ways to get this report out to the public. Ms. Briggs will email council members her calendar of events, and invite Council members to participate in events in their area to represent the Council for Women.

- **Governor's Distinguished Women's Award**

The Council for Women will host the 2012 Distinguished Women's Award where the Governor will honor women who served her during her administration. Additional information including date and location will be forthcoming.

- a. **CFW Website and Communications Projects - Tara Minter, Research Assistant**

The Council for Women is working to update our external communication including the website. CFW staff member's surveyed staff, board members, select General Assembly members, grantees, funders and state agencies on their perception of the Council for Women. The survey results were enlightening. A communications committee is working to clarify the mission statement and create a more- user friendly website.

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V. Update/Challenges/Strategic Direction – Beth Briggs, Executive Director

Ms. Briggs asked the Council members their advice on the direction of the Council in the next fiscal year as well as short term goals. The group consensus was to focus on the Status of Women report, focus on outreach across the state. Council members are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow. The Distinguished Women's Award and Women's History Month will incorporate the 2012 Status of Women Report in their programs.

There is support for convening women's round tables across the state to discuss how to use the Report to advance the status of women in North Carolina.

VI. Open Floor

Ms. Briggs stated the Domestic Violence Commission has twelve new appointments and the new members were sworn in on September 14th. The 2012 Council for Women Advisory Committee has two new appointees: Michelle Gooding and Kaye Gattis. There are three additional positions awaiting appointments.

The 2013 CFW board meeting dates are as follows:

March 8, 2013 10am to 2pm

June 14, 2012 10am to 2pm

September 13, 2012 10am to 2pm

November 8, 2012 10am to 2pm

The location will continue to be the Public School Forum office, 3739 National Drive, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27612

Closing/Adjourn Meeting – Beth Briggs, Executive Director

The Displaced Homemaker Conference was a very valuable gathering and we appreciate the members' attendance and support for our DH programs.

Our next meeting will be November 9, 2012 at the Public School Forum. Ms. Briggs thanked the members for their ongoing commitment to the Council. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.