

Governor's Council on Women and Girls
Leadership Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Office of the Treasurer
55 Elm Street
7th Floor Conference Room
Hartford, CT

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting brought to order at 2:03 p.m. by Deputy Treasurer Linda Savitsky and Commissioner Katie Dykes. The following individuals were in attendance and introduced themselves: Cathy Zeiner (YWCA Hartford Region), Sarah Cook (Department of Developmental Services), Josh Hershman (Department of Insurance), Jennifer Putetti (Office of the State Treasurer), Jeri Beckford (Management Advisory Council), Meredith Minnocci (Management Advisory Council), Shannon Wegele (Office of the Secretary of the State), Clare Kindall (Office of Attorney General), Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe (Office of the Lieutenant Governor), Cheryl Cepelak (Department of Corrections), Adam Brill (Office of the State Treasurer), and Barbara Arafah (AAUW)

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

3. Subcommittee Mission Cherie reviewed the mission.

4. Update – Discussion of Subcommittee Priorities and Timeline i. Inventory and Current Efforts ii. Metrics and Target iii. Scope

- Phoenix-Sharpe mentioned the Aspiring Leaders Program and its expansion/formalization. Cepelak discussed its current implementation and success – would like to see it run multiple times a year rather than just in the spring.

- The group discussed gender representation in middle management, as well as the trainings that are accessible to them. It was brought up that Department of Administrative Services has trainings that are available.
- Brill mentioned media exposure. By contacting Aspiring Leaders Graduates and learning about them, that information can be shared with their agencies to spread the word about these programs.
- Women and Girls Day – Phoenix-Sharpe mentioned that the Council is planning to co-host a Galvanize Summit. Usually hosted by United State women on a national scale but they want to bring it statewide along with the Connecticut Collective for Women and Girls. The dates that are being currently looked into are around November/December 2019.
- Wegele mentioned the inventory on Boards and Commissions. The gender and racial make up of all the boards/commissions along with what opportunities are available – such as current vacancies. The research would start around late-summer.
- Arafeh discussed the AAUW. There are nationwide leadership conferences available to college students with a push for female leadership. Any student can join and there is also a statewide council.
- The YMCA hosts financial literacy workshops with 300-400 attendees. There are guest speakers and a variety of workshops that go from learning to balance a checkbook to retirement planning.

5. Discussion of Steering Committee

- Phoenix-Sharpe stated she is in the process of receiving responses from different organizations.
- The Steering Committee to be announced at the next meeting on July 10th, 2019.

6. Next Steps

- Phoenix-Sharpe asked for subcommittee reports to be submitted.
- Next full Council meeting will be **July 10th** in the **Legislative Office Building**
- Leadership Subcommittee will not meet again until August.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.