

COUNCIL ON WOMEN & GIRLS- SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & SAFETY

DATE: Monday, February 3rd, 2020

TIME/ LOCATION: 10:00am - 12:00 pm / State Capitol Room 310

Members/Designees: **Miriam Delphin-Rittmon** (Subcommittee Tri-Chair, Dept. Mental Health & Addiction Services); **Vannessa Dorantes** (Subcommittee Tri-Chair, Dept. of Children & Families); **Renée Coleman-Mitchell** (Department of Public Health); **Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe** (Lieutenant Governor’s Office); **Karin Bent**, (OEC); **Kim Martone** (Office Health Strategy); **Alvin Wilson** (Department of Social Services); **Lesbia Nieves** (Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs), **Lakisha Rivera** (Women’s Health CT); **Colette Anderson**, (CT Women’s Consortium); **Jordana Frost**, (March of Dimes, CT, RI); **Donna Palomba** (Jane Doe No More); **Karen Buckley** (CHA); **Melissa Kane** (CAGV); **Ashley Starr Frechette** (CCADV); **Beth Hamilton** (CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence); **Kate Robinson** (Gallo & Robinson); **Cathy Zeiner** (YWCA Hartford); **Hilary Felton Reid** (Robinson Cole); **Candace Barriteau-Phaire** (CCSU); **Kathy Flaherty** (CLRP); **Karen DuBois-Walton** (Elm City Communities/Housing Authority); **Dorinda Borer** (CT General Assembly); **Janet Alfano** (The Diaper Bank); **Gretchen Raffa** (Planned Parenthood), **Carol Martin** (Trauma Recovery); **Nichelle Mullins** (Charter Oak Health Center); **Alice Forrester** (Clifford Beers); **Marie M. Spivey** (SEET Consultants, LLC); **Althea Bates** (Project Resiliency Movement); **Deborah Davis** (Mothers United Against Violence); **Sharonda Carlos** (for Rollin Cook, DOC); **Valencia Bagby-Young** (for Jordan Scheff, DDS).

Visitors/Presenters: None

Recorder: Marilyn Duran (Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services)

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Welcome and Introductions	Commissioners Dorantes and Delphin-Rittmon welcomed the subcommittee members and called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Commissioner Bye, a Tri-Chair, could not be at the meeting since she was attending a Care for Kids event in Bridgeport. All subcommittee members, designees and attendees introduced themselves.	
Overview of Minutes from Last Meeting	Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon made a motion to approve the October 7 th , 2019 meeting minutes. All approved and motion carried.	Approved
Follow-up on Legislative Items from Last Meeting	Doulas and Nurse Midwives Proposals – At the last meeting, there were discussions on several legislative items and ideas that subcommittee members wanted to propose in the 2020 legislative session. A proposal was submitted and discussed, that would have required The Department	Subcommittee members expressed interest in partnering with DSS on devising

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	<p>of Social Services (DSS) to include doula support as authorized billable service(s) under Medicaid and establish pay equity for nurse midwives. Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon stated that Commissioner Gifford could not be at the meeting but she wanted the group to know that DSS is in the process of developing a bundled payment mechanism that could potentially include nurse midwives and doulas. DSS intends to engage stakeholders in developing this payment structure and as a result, the Doulas and Nurse Midwives proposal submitted to the subcommittee will not be moving forward.</p> <p>Social Emotional Learning – Steven Hernandez, the executive director for the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors will be giving a presentation on social emotional learning at a future subcommittee meeting. The School Climate Advisory Committee is working on legislation that will address social emotional learning. Subcommittee members talked about the importance and expressed strong interest to collaborate with other partners doing similar work. It was mentioned that The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors is finalizing a policy. Commissioner Coleman-Mitchell asked if there have been conversations with Senator Moore and Rep. Flexer who are very interested in this topic. Jordana Frost provided an update on town halls and community events that took place in Bridgeport and New Haven as well as ongoing conversations with Senator Moore and Rep. Abercrombie. Commissioner Dorantes asked that the subcommittee be kept in the loop on what’s going on more broadly on this issue.</p>	<p>the bundled payment structure.</p>
<p>Committee Charge Related to Triaging Questions</p>	<p>The tri-chairs have been receiving questions from members of the subcommittee that might be better addressed by the entire subcommittee as a group. Commissioner Dorantes informed the group that going forward, as the tri-chairs get approached by subcommittee members and/or members of the general public with questions, concerns and issues related to the health and safety of women and girls, the plan is to triage those questions to subcommittee members with expertise in those subject matter areas and potentially bring the issue(s) to the subcommittee for discussion, collective input, guidance and possible answers and/or solutions.</p>	<p>This will be an on-going discussion for the subcommittee.</p> <p>The subcommittee will continue to address questions on women and girls health and safety as and when they come up.</p>

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<p>Women and Girls Day at the Capitol – Health and Wellness Fair Planning</p>	<p>Friday March 6, 2020 is Women and Girls Day at the Capitol. The theme is: <i>Celebrate, Connect & Inspire</i>. About 200 -300 participants are expected to be in attendance. Subcommittee members were asked to save the date and share the event with their network. Invitations have been sent to several schools throughout the state, specifically High Schools, with the goal of having Juniors and Seniors (11th and 12 grade girls) participate in the day-long event. Among the activities and programming planned for The Women and Girls Day at the Capitol include: Mock Vote in the Chamber to introduce girls to leadership opportunities in State Government, program on The Women’s Suffrage Movement and presentations on health and safety related matters to name a few. The Lt. Governor will be giving the opening remarks.</p> <p>Commissioner Dorantes announced that there will be designated space for health and safety subcommittee members to highlight their work as it relates to women and girls. She asked for information on materials members would be interested in disseminating at the event. Several members requested exhibition tables to display and share their agency’s work that are specific to Women and Girls health and safety. She urged the group to be pick topics that are interactive and informative. Some of the ideas discussed included the dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on women’s health services/mammography • Sexual harassment & sexual violence prevention • Self-care • Information on education, women and girls empowerment • Domestic violence resources • Safe Haven Act • Mental health issues and information on how to deal with trauma • Diapers for infant, toddlers, children with special health care needs and older adults • Period supplies • Gun violence and partner violence • Vaping awareness (display of vaping devices to educate) • Voter’s Registration and many more. <p>Commissioner Dorantes talked about a group of students she recently met and their</p>	<p>Members who are interested in highlighting their work can send a request to the Tri-Chairs for an exhibition table.</p> <p>A reminder email will be sent out to get information from members interested in setting up tables to display their work. Responses are expected before the end of the week.</p>

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	<p>creative intent to transform a closet in their school into a mindfulness room. She asked Committee members if they would like to do something around mindfulness. Ms. Marie Spivey asked if the students could present to the subcommittee in the future. Ideas shared by the group on mindfulness included: sensory rooms, music, art murals, distribution of art kits and adult coloring books.</p> <p>Representative Borer asked if something could be done around careers in health for women and girls, impacts of tanning and STD's. Commissioner Coleman-Mitchell expressed interest in DPH sharing information on the issues raised by Representative Borer and she asked if there is a cost to setting up tables. Commissioner Dorantes noted that participation was at no cost to members and there will also be exhibits and dissemination of information from other subcommittees of The Governors' Council on Women Girls.</p> <p>Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe announced that the health and safety fair and career fair will be held on the 1st floor of the Capitol. She stated that tables will be set up in the Concourse between the Capitol and the Legislative Office Building and asked interested exhibitors to arrive before 9am to set up tables because guests and students will be arriving from 9:30am and leaving around 2pm.</p>	
<p>Updates and Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film on Resilience screening on March 9th, 2020 at The Capitol • Clifford Beers Integrated Care for Kids federal grant award to enhance the quality of care of children through prevention, early identification and treatment of physical and behavioral health needs. Clifford Beers was 1 of 8 awardees in the Nation to receive the grant. • CCADV received a grant award from HUD to continue rapid rehousing program and hotline consolidation work. • Race and Child health event on February 19, 2020 <p>Commissioner Dorantes reminded members of the subcommittee charge and framework.</p>	

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Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:25am	Future subcommittee meetings: Monday April 6, 2020, 10am-12pm, State Capitol, Room 310 Monday June 1, 2020, 10am – 12pm, LOB, Room 1D