

Governor’s Council on Women and Girls

Subcommittee on Leadership

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 | 3:00 PM

Microsoft TEAMS Virtual Meeting

I. Call to Order

Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz called the meeting to order at 3pm.

II. Presentation on the Connecticut State Community College Women’s Leadership Institute’s Launcher Leadership Program (Monika Chuddy, Program Coordinator for Women’s Leadership institute’s Launcher Leadership Journey program, and Ann Gowdey, Co- Founder of Launcher Leadership Journey) (see Attachment)

The Launcher Leadership Journey Program’s mission is to enrich women with leadership skills and self-esteem over a 12-week period through workshops and classes. Their goals are to promote women’s success, graduation retention, work readiness, and improvement in leadership values and attitudes. This program is a women focused program design that has sessions led by women leaders. The program is free to women in community college and is open and available online to incorporate flexibility. The sessions taught include topics concerning networking, financial literacy, problem solving and much more.

Additional details can be found in presentation.

III. Announcements

a. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- i. CoWaG Subcommittee meeting: March 20th

b. Updates

- i. The first Employee Resource Groups (ERG’s) have commenced in the Attorney General’s office that cater to women of color and caregivers.
- ii. Introduction of next DCF Commissioner, Jody Hill-Lilly, successor of Previous Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes who will be joining the leadership team at Casey Family Programs
- iii. Office of Policy and Management has been collaborating across the state government with DAS and CHRO to identify opportunities to streamline the process for EEO and CHRO officers; a report of recommendations will be issued

IV. Adjournment

- a. Lt. Governor adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.