



The Commission on
Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity

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CWCSEO Full Advisory Board Meeting Thursday December 8th, 2022 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

PRESENT: Karen Jarmoc, Ada Fennick, Alan Tan, Madeline Granato, Nancy Heaton, Regina Vermont

STAFF/INTERNS PRESENT: Steven Hernandez, TJ Nuccio, Megan Baker, Rosemary Lopez, Denise Drummond, Werner Oyanadel

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

Co-Chairs Karen Jarmoc and Alan Tan called to order the meeting, welcomed everyone, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Discussion and approval of dates and times of Proposed 2023 Full Board, Executive Board and Sub commission meeting schedule

Jarmoc made a motion to adopt the full advisory board meeting dates for 2023.

Meeting dates were approved by the advisory board.

Policy Presentations

Hernandez mentions that TJ Nuccio lead the mock hearing session on anti-bullying mock testimony with the state legislature.

TJ Nuccio discusses CGS 10-222d to 10-222p (anti-bullying law), equitable education funding and suspension and expulsion reform as a priority for the children's subcommission.

Hernandez comments on equitable education funding and that there will be new education committee chairs. Hernandez also mentions that he is the co-chair for the suspension and expulsion subcommittee.



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Fennick discusses that there is inequity in education funding throughout the state.

Megan Baker discusses statewide coordinator position with DOAG to bring together various community gardens, urban farming, farming markets, non-profits.

Hernandez mentions the commission's participation in the food is medicine task force.

Rosemary Lopez discusses FGMC. Mentions that CWCSEO has met with governor's caucus, and governor's council on women and girls. 31 agencies that have signed on to endorse FGMC bill, and discusses that there is support for FGMC bill in the public health committee.

Hernandez mentions that the proposal that we are modeling after is a proposal after the Massachusetts model.

Baker discusses TIP council priorities for the 2023 legislative session. Also, discusses discussions CWCSEO is having with DSS on language access issues in Connecticut.

Denise Drummond discusses diversification to educator workforce. Discusses that CWCSEO was asked to make appointments to the educator workforce council. Says that research has positive affect on all students, but particularly black male students. Mentions that there will be a forum on diversifying the educator workforce.

Werner Oyanadel mentions that there will be 3 voices in the new educator diversity taskforce. Mentions pre-trial reform and that the sentencing commission is going to be making recommendations to the state on pre-trial reform.

Madeline Granato mentions there were two bills that required an additional 80 hours of paid sick leave for COVID-19.

2023 Connecticut General Assembly Composition

Nancy Heaton discusses the certificate of need, and the creation of a health equity process for community members and a study for a plan for health equity. Keeping track of where task force recommendations in this lens are such as looking at community benefits and topics of access.

Oyanadel mentions that the 2023 session welcomes 8 new senators and 28 new representatives. Mentions that Democrats control 98 seats in house, and 24 in the house. 53 republicans in the house and 12 republicans in the senate. 93 males in the house and 58 women. 24 males in senate and 12 women in senate. Shares the new Latino, African American and Asian American new legislators. New committee assignments are discussed.



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Advisory Board Member Questions and Reflections

Hernandez mentions the appointment process for Commission.

Tan mentions he is working to address appointments for the subcommission's, and discusses hybrid meeting format for future commission meetings.

Adjourn

Jarmoc adjourns the meeting.