



**Council for Women & Youth Involvement**  
Department of Administration

**N.C Governor's Council for Women Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2021 11:00am until 1:00 pm

This Meeting was Conducted Remotely by Microsoft Teams: Hosted by Deborah Torres

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**Members Present:** Jenny Black, Chair, Annette Taylor, Vice Chair, Candance Gingles, Elsa Jimenez-Salgado, Crystal Moore, Dr. Kimberly Moore, Dana O'Donovan, Dr. Joyce Payne, Dr. Tracey Ray, Judge Robin Robinson, Adrienne Spinner, Carrie Stewart, Lyric Thompson, Karen Wallace Meigs, and Kate Woodbury.

**Members Absent:** Andreina Hall, Emily Kirby, Del Mattioli, Mindy Oakley, and Patricia Parker

**NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement Staff Present:** Mary Williams-Stover, Allison Whitenack, Sandra Welch, Deborah Torres, Philisa Fowler, Gabby Smith, Candace Dudley, Diane Blumel, Deatrice Williams, and Lori Foz.

**Guests Present:** Betty Marrow-Taylor, DOA Deputy Secretary, Catherine Rivera, DOA Boards and Commissions Coordinator, Katie Hall, DOA Legislative Liaison, Elyse Shaw, IWPR, Senator Natalie Murdock, District 20, Kathryn Cronin Wandling, New Hanover County Women's Commission, Christy Agner, Rural Advisor, NC Hometown Strong, and Gloria De Los Santos, Action NC

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**Meeting was called to order by Advisory Board Chairperson, Jenny Black at 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome/Member Roll Call: Chair Jenny Black welcomed two new members: Karen Wallace Meigs (Buncombe County) and Dr. Tracey Ray (Pender County). Ms. Black read the Ethics Statement. No conflicts of interest were noted. Mary Williams-Stover conducted the roll call and members stated present as names were called.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Joyce Payne moved to approve the October 20, 2020 minutes as written. Dr. Kimberly Moore seconded. All members unanimously approved the minutes.

**Chairperson, Jenny Black, Report Updates:**

- *Exploiting Inequity: A Pandemic's Gendered and Racial Toll on the Women and Families of North Carolina* was released in December 2020.
- Legislative Caucus Democratic Women's Roundtable Presentation – January 2021
- Co-Chairperson, Annette Taylor, was appointed by Governor Cooper to the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force, led by Department of Administration Secretary Machel Sanders. The Task Force was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper as part of the state's coronavirus response, and seeks to address the social, environmental, economic, and health disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Taylor has been assigned to the Education Sub-Committee. Task Force meetings are open to the public.
- NC Domestic Violence Commission Update

- Guest Legislator: Senator Natalie Murdock, Momnibus Legislation
- Gloria De Los Santos, Action NC, spoke about [Addressing Black maternal mortality in the South](#)

**Executive Director’s Report: Mary Williams-Stover:**

- CFW’s team are tracking the impact of Covid-19 on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault service providers and the people they serve; demand for services has increased.
- Completed review and pay request to DOA Fiscal for HB1105 CARES ACT Fund grants to domestic violence and sexual assault agencies.
- Status of Women Report: Poverty and Opportunity: Elyse Shaw, IWPR
- Work is underway to complete marketing plans and roll out events for the Status of Women: Final report will focus on Poverty and Opportunity for women and roll out in Spring, 2021.
- Women’s History Month 2021 /Proclamation

**Spotlight: New Hanover County Women’s Commission – Kathryn Cronin Wandling:**

Update report from NC’s newest women’s commission in NC about a Medicaid Expansion Townhall

**Committee Reports**

**Speaker’s Bureau – Annette Taylor/Crystal Moore**

- Promote and coordinate speaking opportunities for CFW Board across NC
- Focus on Exploiting Inequity Report and Status of Women Reports
- Identify opportunities to share report data with targeted organizations.

**Legislative Committee – Kate Woodbury/Lyric Thompson**

Expand awareness of the Status of Women NC outreach and policy recommendations:

- Medicaid Expansion/Increase access to healthcare
- Support increased funding of domestic violence and sexual assault programs
- Support pre-K education/affordable childcare

**Fundraising Committee – Del Mattioli/Candance Gingles**

- Marketing The Status of Women report -Poverty and Opportunity – release date - June 2021
- Securing partnership Opportunities for Status of Women Report

Adjourn meeting: Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Torres