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Minutes of the Meeting of the Wisconsin Women's Council
Friday, January 27, 2023; 1:00 – 2:00 PM (CST)
Held virtually via MS Teams

Council Members Present:

x	Gabby Aranda-Pino		Sen. Dianne Hesselbein	Ex.	Carrie Richard
x	Dr. Jolene Bowman	x	Denise Gaumer Hutchison, <i>Chair</i>		<i>Vacant</i>
x	Sen. Rachael Cabral-Guevara		Rosalyn McFarland		<i>Vacant</i>
x	Rep. Jodi Emerson	x	Amanda Medina-Roddy		<i>Vacant</i>
x	Rachel Fernandez	x	Nerissa Nelson		<i>Vacant</i>

Quorum was met for start of meeting. Sen. Cabral-Guevara had to leave the meeting early.

Staff Present: Jenifer Cole, WWC Executive Director; Jana Steinmetz, DOA Administrator Division of Enterprise Operations (DEO); and Richard Rydecki, DOA Deputy Administrator DEO

Public Present: None

1) Call to Order - Denise Gaumer Hutchison, Chair

Chair called the meeting of the Wisconsin Women's Council (WWC) to order at 1:00 p.m.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022 – Motion to approve: N. Nelson. Second: A. Medina-Roddy. Approved.

3) Executive Director's Report – Jenifer Cole

a) 40th Anniversary Celebration Update – J. Cole reported that the 40th Anniversary celebration will be a networking reception hosted by First Lady Kathy Evers at the Executive Residence on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 4:30pm-6:00pm. The event will feature a short speaking program, including the First Lady, DOA Secretary-designee Kathy Blumenfeld, etc. J.Cole working on historical display posters to exhibit at event. Invitees to included past council members, women elected officials, cabinet members, leaders of partner organizations, etc.

b) Hmong Story Quilt Project with The Hmong Institute Update – J. Cole reported on the status of the project, including assisting The Hmong Institute complete a grant application for Wisconsin Humanities funds. Application due February 1, 2023. Goal is to display the quilt in the Capitol rotunda in May, the DOA building in June, and in libraries and community centers thereafter. If awarded, grant funds will be used to translate, narrate, and edit video interviews with the Hmong women who participated in the quilt making.

4) MMIW Taskforce Update – Rachel Fernandez – R. Fernandez reported that the taskforce's final report is nearly complete and will be publicly released soon. She is working to coordinate another day of awareness and "wraparound the Capitol" event in May. Will provide information about fundraising and planning for the event soon. Any funds raised to hold the day of awareness that are leftover will go to Indigenous families who have lost a loved one to the endemic.

R. Fernandez not able to attend meeting. Council looks forward to updates at a future meeting. Chair requested updates from the Department of Justice as well.

5) Continued Discussion and Brainstorming of Priority Topics and Projects –

- Council members reviewed and discussed chart of possible priority topics and project ideas gathered from survey results and discussion in December 2022.
- Chair Gaumer Hutchison explained how the chart was developed into nine overarching themes that intersect with women's issues and gender-based inequities and disparities: safety, early care and education, labor and workplace equity, economic security, racial and social justice, civic life, healthcare, aging and retirement, and service members and veterans.
- Chair Gaumer Hutchison discussed further the more detailed issues mapped beneath each of these overarching themes.
- Council members discussed the ways issues intersect and possible ideas of projects related to some topics.
- J. Cole will summarize the discussion, identify the additional commonalities discussed, and bring concrete project ideas to the Council for decision-making at the February meeting.

6) Closing Remarks and Adjournment - Denise Gaumer Hutchison, Chair

Chair Gaumer Hutchison provided closing remarks:

- J. Cole will look to add 15 minutes to each of the 1-hour meetings going forward.
- Council members should connect with J. Cole with any additional thoughts and/or organizations to connect with for the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenifer Cole
Executive Director, Wisconsin Women's Council