Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW)
Friday, November 15, 2019, 12:10 pm - 1:10 pm
121 SW Salmon Street, Suite 1440
Portland, OR 97204

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE
Chair: Robin Morris Collin
Vice Chair: Kassandra Krifka
Commissioners: Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson (phone), Rep. Sheri Schouten (phone)
Absent: Dr. Doris Cancel-Tirado, Dr. Maura Kelly, Helen Richardson
Guests: Lisa Pettinati; Ivy Jones, Sen. Monnes Anderson’s Chief of Staff
Staff: Nancy Kramer

I. Call to Order
Chair Collin called the meeting to order at 12:10pm. Quorum was not established.

II. A. Approval of November Agenda – The agenda was approved by common consent.
B. Approval of the September Minutes – Due to lack of quorum the September Minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting of the OCFW.

III. Public Comment – There was no public comment. Lisa Pettinati introduced herself. She is an attorney who has worked on behalf of gender justice issues nationally and internationally.

IV. Commissioners Reports – There were no Commissioner reports.

V. Old Business
A. Women of Achievement Nominations:
Commissioners reviewed their rating sheets for the nominees and engaged in discussion. The group determined that a follow up meeting, on November 22nd at 1pm, to select the honorees for 2019 would be the best course of action, as quorum is confirmed for that meeting. Nancy will send a meeting appointment to all Commissioners with this date and time.

Commissioners agreed that it would be best to receive one document, rather than a spreadsheet, of all the complete nominations, in the future. There was some difficulty in accessing the documents.
VI. New Business
A. PSU Interns (Maura)
   • The undergraduate interns will work offsite with Maura to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding. She will supervise two interns for social media/website beginning in early January 2020.

B. Legislative Discussion
1. Concepts: Care Givers and Pay - Improving the future of care giving work
   • State Treasury working with this group across the state. SB 669 – Senator Monnes Anderson’s bill, passed, and was supported by SEIU, regarding training. There is work that can be done on the protections side of this issue.

2. Gender Equity Update
   Chair Collin and Nancy reported for Dr. Connie: The joint ODE/COSA/OCFW graduate interns have finished collecting qualitative data and transcribing it taken with personal interviews with women administrators and superintendents. The analysis of the data is now going forward with the help of the PhD intern, the other MSW having completed her work and credits in September. A summary of the findings is expected in January from ODE. They will take the transcribed interviews back to the group of superintendents first, for their review and approval. Discussion followed.

   Dr. Connie has also been meeting regularly with Paul Bellatty from DHS ORRAI (Office of Reporting, Research, Analytics and Implementation) on data gathering and the OACs’ opportunities to consider outcomes sought and what data is needed to conduct specific analyses, using an equity lens. Chair Collin would like to continue this conversation and considers it an excellent opportunity to further equity and collaboration with data partners. Robin would like to have a longer conversation about houseless women, mental health, DV, reproductive rights and more – these impact all the Commissions’ constituents. In the area of health, preemie infant weight for women of color is dangerously low compared to dominant populations. The commission discussed the black health care algorithm article which was shared with the Commission at the meeting, about healthcare diagnoses and treatment being inferior for some black patients.

3. Legislative search words for BillTracker
   • Commissioners reviewed their list of words that OACO staff will use to search for bills of interest in the state’s BillTracker software. Words relating to oral health were added, among others.
   • Rep. Schouten will send the list of deadlines for the 2021 Legislative session. There are rumors that Republicans will walk out again, as they did in 2019. Bills will start in the senate.
   • Rep Schouten – The insulin co-pay cap has increased by 550%. Colorado passed a bill to limit how much medications prices can increase and Oregon is following their lead. There will also be a bill for genetic counselors licensing. These services would be used to determine if a person is pre-determined to have a condition.
   • Sen. Monnes Anderson’s office is working on licensure for dental therapists. This would be a step up from hygienists to be able to scoop and fill some
cavities. They are also working on a mandate bill – senator would like to create an advisory group to review all mandate bills and attach dollars to each mandate. There will also be open healthcare bill to fix statutes.

VII. Administrator’s Report
- Nancy reported on the status of the Administrator/Executive Director recruitment process. The Chair and Vice Chairs will be giving a presentation next week to a special team inside DAS Human Resources, regarding the re-classification of the position. OAC Leadership is feeling positive about this next step.

VIII. For the Good of the Order
A. The next regular OCFW meeting will be at the new meeting time. The meeting will be on January 17th.
B. Announcements – there were no announcements.

IX. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.