

Minutes
MORRIS COUNTY WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
June 19, 2014
Board Room, Morris View Healthcare Center
540 West Hanover Ave., Morris Township

Members present: Pam Bennett-Santoro, Ginny Lyttle, Elaine Muller, Patricia O'Dowd-Donohue, Aida Visakay, Deirdre Wheatley-Liss.

Absent: Edith Frank, Carole Harper, Tina Liu Jen, Patti Page, Michelle Roers, Connie Ward, Sibi Saenz-Williams.

Staff: Frank Pinto, not present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Chair, Pam Bennett-Santoro.

Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law

Chair Pam Bennett-Santoro advised that in compliance with the Open Public meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and filed with the public.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Ginny Lyttle, seconded by Elaine Muller, the committee approved the minutes of May 19, 2014.

Chair's report

Annual Report

Discussion of the Annual report was tabled until Michelle Roers is available.

The Freeholder's reception was attended by several members; it was a very nice event.

Attendance at Freeholder's meetings

Pam Bennett-Santoro distributed a list of upcoming Freeholder meetings. Public meetings are at 7:00 pm, which Freeholder DeFillippo previously suggested we attend.

Members agreed to attend the following Freeholder's meetings:

June 25: Michelle Roers
July 9: Pam Bennett-Santoro
August 13: Deirdre Wheatley-Liss
August 27: Ginny Lyttle
September 10:
September 22:

October 8: Sibi Saenz-Williams
October 22:
November 12: Sibi Saenz-Williams
November 24:
December 10: Ginny Lyttle
December 22:

Members will report back to the full committee about their observations.

Publicity

Joe Garifo advised that his show featuring Ginny and Aida will air on June 20 at 10:00 am and Sunday, June 22 at 9:30 am program and advise. The show is ½ hour and focused on human trafficking, the Women’s Committee and pay equity/childcare.

New Business/Announcements

The committee discussed that financial literacy for women remains an important issue that keeps cropping up. Elaine agreed to reach out to her contact Barbara O’Neill at the Cooperative Extension program, to determine what resources they have available. Aida also advised that she has a resource she will reach out to. Pam will reach out to Frank to get his input.

Pam attended the Girl Scout Gold award ceremonies for 5 girls. Pam will prepare letters of congratulations to each on behalf of the committee.

Ginny distributed copies of the League of Women Voters *Citizen’s Guide to Government*. Aida was interviewed by Lorraine Ash of the *Daily Record* on health care reform.

Next meetings are September 18th and November 20th, 2014 at 5:30 pm for light dinner and the meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia O’Dowd-Donohue

Patricia O’Dowd-Donohue, Secretary