

**Morris County Advisory Committee on Womens Center at the County College of
Morris June 16, 2011
Director's Conference Room, Morris View**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Edith Frank

Role Call:

Present: Pam Bennet-Santoro, Patricia O'Dowd Donohue, Edith Frank, Carole Harper, Dianne Hartshorn, Elaine Muller, Michelle Roers, Sibi Saenz-Williams

Absent: Virginia Lyttle, Gail Sonners, Maryellen Went

Guest: Mary Jo Buchanan

Old Business

Membership roster was passed around with corrections being noted.

Minutes: Pam read the minutes from the March 17, 2011 meeting and they were approved as read.

Annual Report

Michelle and Virginia were thanked profusely for their contribution to the completion and delivery of the committee's annual report. The annual report was sent to the freeholders. Two members of the committee, Pam and Ginny, attended the meeting and answered questions from the freeholders.

Dianne, Michelle and Sibi will meet with the freeholders and see what they would like to see the committee pursue in the future.

Back to School Drive

Patricia reported that there was limited communication with the county Girl Scouts. A discussion ensued as to how to have better communication with all the local Girl Scout troops. Joe Gariffo will be notified for PR. Mary Jo will be copied on any PR that we produce.

Program at CCM

Edith, Carole, Sibi Dianne, Elaine, Gale and Mary Ellen will serve on the committee. Pam said that Stephanie Hoopes Halpen offered to help with collecting data to be presented at the event. Edith offered suggestions for a questionnaire for participants. Sibi introduced the idea of the cultural impact on women's life choices.

The purpose of the program was suggested as ideas and actions related to the "Cinderella Myth". Some questions posed were: What is happily ever after? & What is in your happily ever after tool box?

Topics discussed were finances, health, career, children...

Mary Ellen would be asked by Dianne, if her employer would be able to fund some of the costs of the program..

Judy Chapman from New Jersey Woman magazine would be contacted to help with advertising the program.

A keynote presentation and then 3 or 4 workshops were suggested as a format.

Judy Woop was suggested as the keynote speaker.

Sibi agreed to chair the committee which will meet at 6:30 pm on a date to be agreed upon at Panera's in Denville.

The next meeting will be September 22.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm

Announcements:

Proposed cuts to Medicaid will be discussed at a forum on Wed. June 29th at 2pm

Respectfully Submitted ,
Elaine Muller