**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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**ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)**

The **Arlington CSW** convened its meeting at **7:00 pm** on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

**PRESENT (Virtual)** Chair Julia Tanner

Commissioner Jeanine Finch

Commissioner Caroline Gary Romano

Commissioner Rachel Johnston

Commissioner Marguerete Luter

Commissioner Kayli Nichols

Commissioner Jordan Stevenson

Commissioner Susan Strauss

**PRESENT (Virtual)** Commissioner Xenia Ruiz

**ABSENT** Commissioner Arbora Johnson

Commissioner Sasha Whitney

**STAFF** Courtney Palmer-Sales, Staff Coordinator

**Other** Jamie Lockhart, Executive Director

**Planned Parenthood** Advocates of Virginia

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

**CSW Budget**

* Commissioners discussed the FY23 budget and fundraising opportunities for CSW.

**New Arlington County Policy Update**

* The staff liaison shared a policy update that will impact events hosted by CSW. Policy changes include refreshment restrictions for events convened by the county, including CSW, as well as on county property. The policy includes per person thresholds for meals provided using county funds. Currently, the policy is not publicly available.

**Women of Vision**

* Commissioner Finch provided an update on the Women of Vision event planning. The event will be hosted at Arlington’s Economic Development office on March 28, 7-9 pm. Commissioners were reminded to review their responsibilities and sign up for outreach.

**Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia**

* Jamie Lockhart joined the CSW to discuss both the restrictive and proactive reproductive health bills that are before the Virginia General Assembly this session. She also shared her optimism that Planned Parenthood would open additional healthcare centers in the coming years in Virginia.

**County Budget. Priorities**

* Arlington County will begin planning the County’s budget for FY2024. The Commissioners discussed priority recommendations, which included expanding health services and improved data access among others. Commissioners also discussed reviewing pay cuts and consulting with local women’s organizations as well.

**Financial Literacy Event**

* Commissioner Strauss provided an update on the financial literacy event, which will be hosted at Arlington's Central Library on June 6. CSW will work with Doorways and Project Peace to better serve the women in Arlington’s community.

**Take Back the Night**

* Commissioner Romano reminded commissioners that the Take Back the Night event is scheduled for April 27. The commissioners were asked to consider speakers for the event.

**Revenge Porn Taskforce**

* Commissioner Stevenson noted that the Revenge Porn Taskforce has updated their memo based on feedback from Parisha Dehghani-Tafti, Commonwealth Attorney who spoke with CSW during the December meeting. Commissioners briefly discussed next steps for the taskforce.

Meeting adjourned at  **9:02 pm**.