

MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Agenda
September 22, 2021
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Zoom Link:

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Opening of the Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes for: 8/22/21

General Business Discussion (Stephanie)

- A. Debrief Human Trafficking Awareness Panel—‘Hidden in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking in Massachusetts’
- B. Debrief Purple Passion 5K Walk and Table Hosting—(September 18, 2021)
- C. Attendance Policy. Revisit the Attendance Policy for Commissioners and Make Sure Everyone Knows the Policy. Does it Need to be Amended?
- D. Set New Dates for November, December and January Meetings (Can’t do Wednesdays unless it ends by 6:30 PM)

Athena Council (Rachel and Deirdre)

- A. Summary of the First Meeting of the Year
- B. Retreat?
- C. Climate Survey?
- D. Attendance Policy?

General Business Discussion, Part II (Remainder of the time will be allotted for planning the DV events happening in October)

- A. Review Dates and Topics
- B. Outreach and Advertising (How do we get the word out and sign up participants?)
- C. Begin Putting Lists of Desired Participants to Reach Out to
- D. Assigned Facilitators for Each Session Should Begin to Solidify Questions for Panel/Roundtable Discussions That They Would Like to Ask

1. October 7, 2021 (7:00-8:30 PM) Facilitators: Stephanie and Nancy

Topic: *On the Frontlines—Organizations and Services Combating Interpersonal Violence in the MetroWest and Greater Massachusetts*

- Panelists will include *Voices Against Violence*, *Jane Doe* and Middlesex DA’s Office

2. October 14 (7:00-8:30 PM) Facilitator: Heather

Topic: *Shattered—The Impact of Interpersonal Violence on Loved Ones: Families Share Their Stories*

- Panelists will include Lauren Astley’s parents and Stephanie Deeley

3. October 21 (7:00-8:30 PM) Facilitators: Rachel, Deirdre and Mia?

Topic: *But is it Love? Teens Discuss the Crisis of Interpersonal Violence and What THEY Need*

- This will be a listening circle hosted by the Athena Council for teens living in the MetroWest. The discussion will focus on teens’ sharing a bit about what they know about healthy relationships and what their schools are doing to teach about this.

4. October 28 (7:00-8:30 PM)

Topic: *The New Frontier—Advocating for Healthy Relationship Education in the Classroom: How Do We Get There?*

- A Round-Table Discussion Inviting Teachers, Administrators and School Committee Members to Discuss:
 - a) What schools are already doing to teach healthy relationships
 - b) Resources available to educators and school leadership
 - c) Brainstorming ‘in a perfect world’ curriculum models for more effectively teaching healthy relationships

Adjourn

Commissioners: Heather Panahi (Chair), Stephanie Deeley (Co-Vice-Chair), Leslie Smart (Co-Vice-Chair), Jean Bertschmann (Secretary)--Absent, Ceylan Rowe, Nancy Rosenblum, Rachel Niemiec, Lindsey Galvao, Lisa MacDonald and Deirdre Belger (intern)