

**Virginia Council on Women
Subcommittee – Women’s Healthcare Initiative**

Draft Minutes
November 13, 2014
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The November 13, 2014 meeting of the Women’s Healthcare Initiative Subcommittee took place in the Dean’s Conference Room at the University of Richmond School of Law, 19 Richmond Way, RVA 23173.

Members present:

Meredith Johnson Harbach, Chair
Lashrescse Aird
Meta Braymer
Sally Mullikin
Susan Rowland

Staff present:

Katherine Waddell, Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Rachel Thomas, Office of the Governor, Traveling Secretary
Anna Healy James, Office of the Governor, Policy Director

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Meredith Harbach called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 AM and welcomed all members and administration staff.

The group began by adopting the meeting agenda. Reading of the September 23, 2014 minutes was waived and the subcommittee adopted the minutes as drafted.

Old Business

Members reported on the status of their data collection efforts thus far, including:

- Women’s Wellness Walk/Wellness Fair
- Interface with Women’s Health Virginia
- Implementation of the Affordable Care Act, assisting women and families in enrolling in Obamacare/health insurance, and Medicaid expansion
- Access to reproductive healthcare and related services

Rachel Thomas and Anna James joined the group during the discussion of old business. Ms. Thomas and Ms. James shared ways in which the subcommittee and the Council on Women might partner with the Governor’s office to pursue shared commitments, and what sorts of deliverables the Governor’s office might expect with regard to the work of the Women’s Healthcare Initiative.

New Business

- In consultation with Ms. Thomas and Ms. James, the subcommittee agreed to pursue a women's wellness walk/health fair to be held on the capitol grounds in April 2015
 - Meta Braymer and Meredith Harbach agreed to meet with leadership from Women's Health Virginia to explore the possibilities of partnering with the group in this effort
- The group agreed to designate the following "point people" for future research and work in the following areas, including work with other Council members as necessary and appropriate:
 - Women's Wellness Walk & Health Fair (Susan)
 - Medicaid expansion and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (Sally)
 - Healthcare access and insurance for poor and underrepresented populations in the Commonwealth (Lashrecse)
 - Access to reproductive healthcare and related services (Katherine & Meredith)
- The group also agreed to add an additional working group to focus on issues of domestic violence and sexual violence on college campuses
 - Katherine and Meredith will take the lead on these issues

Announcements

- Katherine Waddell announced an upcoming Board of Health Meeting on December 4, 2014

Next Meeting

- The Subcommittee agreed to reconvene on Friday, January 16, 2014, 10:00 AM-12:00PM, location TBD

Meredith Harbach adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 PM.