

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

Draft Minutes  
March 13, 2015  
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

The January 16, 2015 meeting of the Women’s Healthcare Initiative Subcommittee took place in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Technology Conference Room, Patrick Henry Building, 1111 E. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219.

Members present:

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

Staff present:

Kelly Thomasson, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Katherine Waddell, Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Meredith Harbach called the meeting to order at approximately 10:08 AM and welcomed all members.

The group began by adopting the meeting agenda. Reading of the January 16, 2015 minutes was waived, and the subcommittee adopted the minutes.

**Old Business**

- Meredith Harbach reported back to the subcommittee on the letter sent to the General Assembly on behalf of the Council on Women
- Katherine Waddell shared the response of Delegate Morrissey

**New Business**

- Subcommittee members reported on the status of their work in conjunction with the Women’s and Girls’ Wellness Month service project
  - Meredith Harbach confirmed that the group would volunteer at Housing Families First on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from approximately 5:00pm-8:00pm
  - Katherine Waddell confirmed that First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe would be joining Council members for the service project
  - Sally Mullikin reported on food donations from Ellwood Thompson’s and Pearl’s Cupcake Shoppe

- Meta Bramer and Lashrecse reported on the status of the Governor's proclamation, and Katherine Waddell circulated a draft proclamation, which the subcommittee approved
- The group agreed on the following next steps in planning for the April service project:
  - Meredith, Sally, and Meta planned to meet with Housing Families First on Friday, March 20 at 10:00 am for a tour of facilities
  - Sally scheduled a meeting with Ellwood Thompson's on Friday, March 20, at 3:30pm to discuss menus and programming
  - Meredith agreed to secure the following information from Housing Families First
    - A maximum number for volunteers to attend the event
    - Information on the number of children and age ranges to assist in planning programming
  - Meredith also will provide Katherine with a write-up of all details of the event in preparation for a press release to be sent out in conjunction with Women's and Girl's Wellness Month
- The group also discussed and decided to recommend to the Council that the Governor read the Women's and Girl's Wellness Month proclamation at the STEM Essay contest reception on April 15, 2015
- The subcommittee discussed the hearing and status of Equal Rights Amendment legislation at the Virginia General Assembly

**Next Meeting**

- Meredith Harbach will circulate a Doodle poll for a May 2015 meeting to debrief Women's and Girl's Wellness Month and discuss next steps for the subcommittee

Meredith Harbach adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 AM.