

MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2024

7:00-8:30PM

[ZOOM Meeting Link](#)

Zoom

All Meetings are Open to the Public

Opening of the Meeting

Approval of March Minutes

Welcome New Commissioners Lex and Sophia and Welcome Back Amie!

Discussion Topics:

- 1. Athena Council**
 - a. April 19 Event**
 - b. Recruitment**
- 2. Sexual Violence Awareness Month**
 - a. Denim Day Wednesday April 24**

Chair Update

- Updates from Chairs Meeting
 - Regional Convening May 1 in Springfield
- GELI: April 20
- Letter sent to Legislators

Legislative Updates

S. 1381/H. 534, IAM Bill: This bill would provide access to free menstrual products to all individuals in schools, shelters & prisons.

H.1597, S. 983, Sex Trade Survivors Act: This bill would provide a survivor-led, comprehensive, and proven approach to reducing commercial sexual exploitation and systems of prostitution.

H. 585: Annual mental health exam: This bill mandates insurance coverage for an annual mental health wellness exam, comparable to an annual physical.

H. 1795, Jail and Prison Construction Moratorium: This bill would stop the creation of new prisons and jails in the Commonwealth and prohibit the expansion of current facilities.

Communications and Marketing Updates

Other: Planning for upcoming meetings

Special Announcements and Good News

Adjourn

Commissioners: Lisa MacDonald, Jennifer Wuelfing, Odessa Sanchez, Christi Apicella, Stacy Wilbur, Lyndsey Brown, Amie Rotondi, Alexandra Todorov, Sophia Rousseau