MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Agenda May 13, 2024

7:00-8:30PM

ZOOM Meeting Link

Zoom

All Meetings are Open to the Public

Opening of the Meeting

Approval of April Minutes

Discussion Topics:

- 1. April Athena Council Event recap
- 2. RIA Request (see attached letter of support)
- 3. Annual Report due May 20
- 4. Grant Request due May 31
- 5. June meeting and Summer

Chair Update

• Updates from Regional Convening

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.

Reporting Out by Position

• Athena Council recruitment plan

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