



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



**Eastern Regional Commission
on the Status of Women and Girls**

**Annual Report
FY 2023**

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Regional Area:

Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women includes the towns of Avon, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Foxborough, Holbrook, Milton, Plainville, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, and Westwood, and the cities of Boston, Braintree, Chelsea, Quincy, Revere, Weymouth, and Winthrop.

Meetings:

The Commission held 7 meetings on September 20, October 25, November 22, December 20, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25. There were several meetings where quorum was not met. We had a Hybrid retreat on October 29.

Advocacy:

The group did not advocate for any specific legislation this year.

Highlights and Accomplishments for FY23

- Maintained a consistent presence at MCSW Regional Chairs meetings and Regional Convenings – and attended various meetings in the community, representing ERCSW.

- We prepared a toolkit, using the GELI toolkit from the state as a guide, and ran three virtual listening sessions via Zoom. Two were focused on open topics, addressing concerns of women in our region - and one was focused exclusively on Spanish-speaking women and their needs and concerns.
- We held a commission retreat in October 2022 for the purpose of getting to know each other better and to establish our goals for the year.

Goals for Next Fiscal Year

- We plan to have another commission retreat where we will discuss revisions to our bylaws and goals for FY24.
- We are working on a visibility plan to introduce ourselves to our regional communities and to gather information regarding the needs and concerns of women in our region.

**Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Crabb and Soumia Aitelhaj, Co-Chairs of Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls on May 23, 2023*