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Annual Report 2022

Commissioners

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Mission

The purpose of the Commission shall be to advance women toward full equity in all areas of life and to promote rights and opportunities for all women. The mission of the Worcester County Commission on that Status of Women is to act as a permanent centralizing force and effective voice in the County of Worcester to ensure the equal status of women of every race, religion, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, national origin, ability, age and sexual orientation in educational, economic, political, health, legal, and social spheres including the provision of information, referrals, and guidance. The commission stands for fundamental freedoms, basic human rights, and the full enjoyment of life for all women throughout their lives.

Advocacy

We are looking to contribute to the following areas of concern that we have learned from the women in Worcester County.

- Mobilize Community Health Services
- Organize community health information campaign
- Implement trainings on patient-centered care and communication
- Develop workforce strategies for health and human service sector
- Work on Worcester Sex Education
- Zero Fare for Worcester County Residents
- Food Security

Programming

With Covid we were not able to maintain membership and we are currently working on rebuilding our structure.

We will be looking to have programming in the following year once we have come back as a full commission.



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Goals for the next fiscal year

Goal 1. Get to full capacity of the commission and regain our advisory members as well.

Goal 2. Conduct our Legislative Breakfast for September 2022

Goal 3. Have more community input sessions to see how the women and girls in Worcester County have maintained during this pandemic.

Submitted by Chantel Bethea May 25th 2022