

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Residents of the Franklin and Hampshire County, you are hereby notified that there will be a public meeting of the Hampshire-Franklin Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (HFCSWG).

Annual Meeting Agenda for May 25, 2021, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Location: In-Person meeting at 78 Third Street, Turners Falls, MA 01376

From: Bonnie MacCracken, Chair, bmaccracken.hfcswg@gmail.com

Annual Meeting agenda and topics anticipated to be discussed on May 25, 2021:

6:00 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call

- Welcoming of Guests, introductions and a ten-minute public speak out period.
- Review and acceptance of minutes from previous meetings
- Updates of events, annual report, and on the Regional Chairs' monthly meetings.
- Commissioner Laura Sylvester, will present and discuss the agenda and format she is in the process of planning for the upcoming virtual Check-In & Chat on Food Insecurity, scheduled for June 8th on Zoom.
- Update on grant funding program
- Discussion on setting a date for a planning retreat for 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- Discussion on filling vacancies and electing officers.
- Election of Officers to serve during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Terms of office begins on July 1, 2021 and runs through to June 30, 2022.

7:45 pm - Adjournment

The commission was legislatively created in 2017 and is subject to Massachusetts' open meeting laws. The commission represents and recognizes all women, regardless of their age, race, color, creed, abilities, socio-economic status, immigration status, sexual orientation, or gender identity at birth residing in Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

The HFCSWG is a regional commission. Duties include studying, reviewing, and reporting on the status of women in the county; promoting and facilitating collaboration among local women's organizations; recommending policies that benefit women to agencies, officers of the state, and local government; and holding fact-finding hearings and other public forums as it may deem necessary.

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