



Board of Commissioners

June 12, 2014

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Altman, Sen. Vaneta Becker, Sen. Jean Breaux, Cindy Felsten, Rep. Sheila Klinker, Kori McOmber

VIA PHONE: Kelly Perri, Stephanie Moore, Marta Pincheira, Patzetta Trice

STAFF: Kristin Garvey

GUEST: Ron Breymier, Hoosier Energy Forum

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Christine Altman called the meeting to order at 12:14 PM.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN: The FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan was submitted to the Board of Commissioners for review. Members offered edits to the FY2014-2018 Strategic Plan, which have been noted in the document. Chair Altman asked for consent from board members that the discussed edits were acceptable.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMER STUDY COMMITTEES: Chair Altman asked board members to review the interim study committees, which were submitted prior to the meeting. Board members indicated the following interim study committees that may affect women so would be of interest to the Indiana Commission for Women:

- Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health and Human Services
- Interim Study Committee on Corrections and Criminal Codes; availability and effectiveness of mental health services for juveniles
- Interim Study Committee on Fiscal Policy; the definition of 'essential health benefits' for use in Indiana under the Affordable Care Act, including ensuring that the definition results in adequate benefits.
- Interim Study Committee on Public Policy; societal impact of teenage pregnancy education
- Interim Study Committee on Courts & Judiciary; whether a father who has abandoned a birth mother during pregnancy should be required to consent to the adoption of the child (SEA 27-2014, SECTION 4)
- Interim Study Committee on Education; the topics described in HEA 1004-2014, SECTION 3 (prekindergarten and early learning)
- Interim Study Committee on Employment and Labor; job sharing working conditions and benefits, especially work sharing unemployment benefits (HR 72-2014)
- Commission on Improving the Status of Children (IC 2-5-36-9)
- Interim Study Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs; how transforming Indiana's veterans benefits services can increase those benefits to veterans and beneficiaries in compensations and pensions, education, medical care, and other areas.

Commissioner Perri asked that the effects of fatherlessness be considered as a possible study topic. Senator Becker explained that it could be introduced during the general assembly as a study topic for 2015.

CHAIR'S REPORT: There was no separate chair's report for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES: Commissioner Felsten moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Senator Becker seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Executive Director Garvey indicated that the financial report was submitted for review. Garvey indicated that the commission will end the year on target. She reported that expenses related to the Torchbearers Awards were charged to ICW's general fund, instead of ICW's special fund, which is designated for donations, grants, and other raised funds. Therefore, the catering expense originally charged to the general fund was converted to the special fund. Chair Altman asked whether any expenses were charged to the general fund. Garvey responded that less than \$2000 came from ICW's general fund. Chair Altman suggested that next year's Torchbearer Awards be completely covered by independent donations.

Commissioner McOmber moved that the expenses associated with the 2014 Torchbearer Awards be reallocated to ICW's special funds account instead of its general funds account. Senator Becker seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Chair Altman asked for a motion to accept the FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan as revised. Senator Becker so moved. Senator Breaux seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: First Vice Chair Trice reported that she had not received confirmation from individuals about their interest. She asked for clarification on the process. Executive Director Garvey explained that a slate of officers would be presented by the First Vice Chair who is chair of the Nominating Committee at a board meeting for approval. She then offered that elections be postponed to the August board meeting in the event new commissioners are appointed to the board since board terms end June 30th of each year.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Chair Altman stated that last year's Senate Bill 371 on pay equity, which was sponsored by Senator Breaux, was provided to the board for their review. Senator Breaux added that POWER, the women's caucus, is going to present this pay equity bill again as a bi-partisan effort so that it can be given a hearing. She indicated she would have a report for ICW in August on its progress. She also reported that she was working to have a study committee look at the societal impact of teenage pregnancy education, which is currently geared to education and awareness; but, eventually she would like to see it focus on prevention.

2015 NACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Chair Altman referenced that board members should have received a press release announcing that Indianapolis had been chosen as the 2015 host of the NACW National Conference. She asked board members share it with their appointing agencies and with their legislators to make them aware of this opportunity. Chair Altman indicated she would be working on the conference and asked for volunteers to serve on the planning committee. Senator Breaux recommended that Carolene Mays be contacted to serve on the committee. Chair Altman recommended that a brainstorming workshop be planned to bounce ideas about what to include in the conference and to organize smaller working groups. Chair Altman also expressed gratitude to Garvey for pursuing this opportunity to showcase the Indiana Commission for Women.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Garvey reported that she had met with a professor from IU East who is focusing his sabbatical on researching African-American women and political activism. He asked that ICW send him any material related to the topic and names of women who he could interview as well as any introductions to those women. He offered the possibility of co-authoring a chapter in the book as well as any occasion to talk about the research to the board or at an event. She then reported on several upcoming events that were taking place. Several of these organizations had asked that ICW participate in some way. Commissioner Felsten gave more information on the *Integrating Women Leaders* conference, which will take place on August 27. She currently serves as the chair of the planning committee. Garvey also reported that *Harvest Girls International* had asked ICW to provide a letter of recognition to Diane Amos, the "Pine Sol Lady," who is originally from Indianapolis for her work to empower women. Senator Breaux offered to have a Senate Proclamation done that could be signed during the upcoming technical corrections day and could be presented to her during the event. Garvey mentioned that she had received a grant request from the *Women Like Us* Foundation to support their One Girl at a Time program. Chair Altman indicated that ICW does not have the budget to support organizations financially at this time; however, ICW could provide letters of support if they are needed. Garvey also reported that the Indiana Governor's Conference for Women has a program that allows organizations to register as Community Partners. In exchange for their listing on the website, they are asked to promote the event through their networks. There is no fee to be included in this list.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no new or unfinished business to come to the board.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no other business to come before the board Chair Altman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM