

SEATTLE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

WEEKLY REPORT FOR: **May 14-21, 2014**

All Committees: Violence Prevention, Housing and Homelessness, Economic Opportunities and Health Disparities

	Work Plan items (Status of work plan items, what is completed, issues & updates)	Events/Forums (events or forums planned and any collaboration with community or other Commissions)	Meetings (any meetings with the community, media relations, department heads, City Council Members/staff or Mayor/staff)	Policy Issues (any policy items you are working on)	Emerging issues (anything we need to know or be aware of that is not in the report)	Other Items (Things you want the Mayor to be aware of looking forward to future issues)
HEALTH DISPARITIES SUB-CMTE						
						Mercedes, Liz and Michele worked on editing by-laws.
VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUB-CMTE						
			1. Jaron sent request to VP committee members to discuss SPD issue of response to DV/SA victims to discuss next steps forward.	1. Jaron followed up with Vinh Tang from CM Harrell's office per their request for SWC to be present at next Public Safety committee meeting, in particular, our recommendations on data collection for victims of SA/DV. Jaron forwarded Bridgett's letter to former		1. Jaron will be reaching out to discuss how to advocate for the issue of welfare benefit payment timing and electronic benefit card transfers.. The Commission has heard from a doctoral candidate at the University of Washington on the issue, and Jaron

				interim Chief Bailey on issue for reference.		will be actively seeking ways to advocate on behalf of this issue and with other interested Commissioners.
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS						
	1. Alison is working with members of other commissions on joint housing and homelessness efforts.		<p>1. Jaron briefed Commission on CM Harrell meeting</p> <p>2. Morgan attended the United Way of King County breakfast where focus on homelessness and early childhood education was presented. Connected with a few United Way staffers, and wrote down some resources for families and ideas regarding the opportunity gap.</p> <p>3. Nicki met with WHEEL (Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League) on 5/19 to discuss their advocacy and empowerment work and how the H&H Subcommittee can partner with them going forward.</p>			

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES						
		<p>1. Betsy will be chairing the Martin Luther King County Labor Council Education Committee meeting for discussion of:</p> <p>a mural workshop May 31st that will contribute to the creation of the building mural for the soon to be new home of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO at 16th and Jackson where the International District and Central District meet.</p> <p>Betsy is helping facilitate the MLKCLC and the Education Committee sponsoring the showing of last year's MayWorks video contest winners and artwork by University of Washington students prior to the MLKCLC delegates meeting.</p>	<p>1. Wendy coordinated efforts with SOCR and the I&R and LGBT Commissions to finalize a letter to council and the mayor's office regarding gender equity and the Race and Social Justice Initiative.</p> <p>2. Jaron sent out e-mail to interested Commissioners on moving forward the adult focus groups for the Girl Scouts, and Wendy followed up with Harrell, Godden, and Clark offices in regards to event.</p>		<p>1. Liz, Michele, and Mercedes edited the bylaws.</p> <p>2. The entire commission was briefed on the 2035 plan at the May meeting.</p>	

		<p>2. Lili Participated in a retreat in Glenwood, WA through the Environmental Leadership Program that focused on building tools and skills around: Learning Organizations, Systems Thinking & Integral Framework.</p> <p>3. Wendy partnered with the National Association of Women MBAs to lead a focus group investigating gender disparity in business school applicants.</p> <p>Wendy and Nicki attended a town hall meeting addressing Reclaiming Prosperity: Gender and Work on 5/19</p>				
	<p>1. Jaron sent out e-mail to sub-committee chairs to send in their committee description (mission statement, goals, areas of focus, target populations,</p>					

	and work done in the previous quarter) for updated website.					
OTHER						