

Morris County Advisory Committee on Women

September 21, 2021, 5:30pm to 7:00pm

via Microsoft Teams

Present: Kasey Errico, Pam Bennett-Santoro, Eileen Specchio, Karen O’Keeffe, Joann Bjornson, Donna Boyce, Sydney Ugalde, Elaine Muller

Guest: Miranda Kawiecki

1. Welcome and Updates

- Xiomara Guevara accepted a job in Bergen County and will be stepping away from the Committee.

2. Review of July minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Boyce, seconded by Ms. Bennett Santoro. Ms. Muller abstained. Motion carried.

3a. Membership

- Ms. Guevara suggested Maria Rojas, Director of Hispanic Women Resource Center for the Committee.
- Ms. Errico spoke to Commissioner Kathy DeFillippo to identify potential members.
- Ms. Bjornson suggested a goal of 3-5 women by the end of 2021 and also gave an overview of the qualities we should be looking for with a focus on diversity.
- The committee should have a total of 11-14 members, there are 7 currently.
- Ms. Errico noted that men are able to serve on the Committee.

3b. Seeds of Change

- Ms. Bennett-Santoro has the application form and we are almost ready to pick women for the award:
 - Qualifications: over the age of 18, women living in Morris County, active in grass roots efforts and volunteers for a non-profit.

3c. Action subcommittee

- Overarching theme of committee = housing is healthcare
 - Motion by Ms. Boyce, second by Ms. Muller, motion carried.

4. Public Portion

5. Next meeting: October 19, 2021 at 5:30pm