

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

November 6, 2013

Commission Meeting - Agenda

Upcoming Events

21/365 Final Forum	Nov 7	5pm
Women and Poverty	Nov 12	4pm
Girl Rising Forum @ Simmons	Nov 21	5pm
CCSW Meeting	Dec 4	6pm
Public Health Event	Dec 5	9:30am
Women and Words!	Dec 5	7pm
CCSW Meeting	Jan 8*	6pm

*NOTE: The first Wednesday of the month in January falls on the 1st; the city is closed. We will meet the following Wednesday.

21/365 Forum

On November 7, Councilor Decker's [21/365 Cambridge Against Domestic Violence Campaign](#) will host its culminating community event from 5:30-9pm at Cambridge College. The forum hopes to generate deep learning among participants by featuring four speakers who will highlight best practices from work going on outside of Cambridge that will focus on community activism, men's role in domestic violence, as well as national and local trends in prevention. The formal presentations will be followed by a World Café style discussion. Councilor Decker has led a tremendous effort by City Departments, local service providers, and community members to bring up the level of awareness and community involvement in addressing the issues that impact Cambridge. Members of the Commission have signed up attend; all Cambridge residents are encouraged to attend as well.

Public Health Report/CET Event

The Community Engagement Team (of which the Women's Commission is a member), along with the Cambridge Public Health Department, is hosting a CET Networking event, *Public Health Begins With You! How can providers best use the 2013 Cambridge Community Health Assessment data?* Achieving good health means more than having a doctor and insurance – it is

also about having opportunities for education and employment, feeling safe, having a network of friends and family, and living in a community that supports healthy choices. The event should be a rich discussion about health data and feedback gathered from area residents, students and workers, including the Women's Commissioners who participated in the survey.

Poster aimed at parents about how to talk to their teens about relationships

We are releasing a poster, along with the Public Health Department, aimed at parents about how to have "the talk" about relationships with their kids. Concurrently, December's Women and Words! discussion is entitled, "How to Talk with Teens about Relationships: what parents and other concerned adults should know." This presentation was produced and presented by Transition House's Youth Action Corps (YAC), a team of Cambridge teens working within the community to promote safe, respectful, and health relationships for everyone.

Calendar of Women's Events

We are going to begin having a Calendar of Women's Events. New events can be sent to Addie. She will send the calendar once a week. We can share the responsibility of updating and sending the calendar among all Commissioners.

Review of 2013 Highlights

Commissioners reviewed a calendar of events, programming, forums, panels, and meetings that the Women's Commission staff participated in and planned during 2013 thus far. This calendar can serve as a reference for all Commissioners about the work that we are doing and have done to promote and support women and girls in Cambridge.

New Business

We need dessert donations for Women and Words. Our next W+W is December 5, followed by March 6 and June 5. Addie volunteered to ask the Biscuit for donations, and Golnaz will reach out to Flour and Tatte for a donation.